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**To Elizabeth Hamilton Amsden who inspired this work, this book is affectionately dedicated.**

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No claim is made for completeness and it is hoped that the readers of this work will make it a habit to write the author regarding omissions and mistakes which are bound to occur in a work of this sort. It may be possible sometime in the future to put out a second edition when the collection of sufficient material warrants. It is desirable to include the English History of the family in any genealogical work, but due to the uncertainty existing it has not been printed in this, the first edition, but the author has engaged the services of a competent London genealogist to go into this and possibilities of it's appearing later are good, and if so it will be mailed free to the subscribers of this work and as this is a loose leaf system it can be readily inserted in the book. For this same reason no Coat-of-Arms has been inserted and if we are successful in tracing the English History it may be easily possible to picture one in a later number of this Genealogy.

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Athol, Massachusetts.



Articles of an Agreement made May the 28, 1727 Between Isaac Amsden Sr. & John Amsden his son both of Marlborough Relating to Ephraim Amsden son of said John Amsden &c. that whereas said Ephraim Amsden hath dwelt with his Grandfather and Grandmother Isaac and Jane Amsden some years past already, we do agree that my grandson Ephraim Amsden shall remain and dwell with his said Grandfather and Grandmother until said Ephraim shall arrive to ye age of one and twenty years of age, unless it happen in providence they should dye sooner then the said Ephraim to be out of his time ye said Grandfather and Grandmother finding him meat, drink, & apparel suitable both Lords Days and Week days & what they learn both as to Read and Right, and at ye term of ye said Ephraim arriving to one and twenty years he shall receive further of his Grandfather & Grandmother forty acres of swamp and upland for his services, scituate in Marlborough. This consented to by me his father - John Amsden - Therefore upon ye Consideration and agreement abovesaid Know all men by these presents that I Isaac Amsden Senr. of Marlborough in ye County of Middlesex within His Majesty's province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England for and in Consideration of Ephraim Amsden serving of me and my wife his Grandmother until he arrive to ye age of one & twenty The Receipt whereof I do acknowledge and therewith fully satisfied and contented and of every part and parcel thereof do Exonerate and acquit and Discharge ye said Ephraim Amsden, his heirs & Exc. Admt. forever, by these presents Have given granted alienated conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do freely fully & absolutely give grant & Convey and confirm unto him, the said Ephraim Amsden, his heirs and Assigns forever in Reversion to Possess and enjoy when he arrives to ye age of one & twenty namely one certain tract of swamp and upland scituate lying and being in Marlborough on South Side of Stony Brook & Marlborough in the County of Middlesex containing in forty acres as is laid out and bounded to me in Marlborough proprietors Book of Records upon ye right of John Rutter part of two divisions containing twenty-six acres of ye first Division and fourteen acres of ye second Division without the Cow Commons butted and bounded as may appear upon Record as aforesaid to have and to hold the said granted and bargained premises with all ye appurtenances priviledges, commodities to ye same Belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the Said Ephraim Amsden his heirs and assigns to his and their only proper use benefit and behoef forever, and I ye said Isaac Amsden Senr. for me my heirs Exc<sup>rs</sup> Admx<sup>r</sup> do Covenant promise & grant to and with ye said Ephraim Amsden his heirs & assigns that Before ye Ensealing hereof I am ye true & sole & lawful owner of ye above bargained premises and am Lawfully seized and possessed of ye same in mine own proper right and have in myself good right and full power to give grant & confirm the said premises in manner as abovesaid and that the said Ephraim Amsden his heirs & assigns shall & may at all times forever hereafter arriving to ye age of one and twenty years peaceably & Quietly have hold use occupy & possess ye said Demised and gives premise with ye appurtes and priviledges free and clear being Discharged of from all other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Leases Incumbrances & Extents and Jane Amsden ye wife of me ye



said Isaac Amsden Sen<sup>r</sup>. doth by these presents freely surrender all her Right in and unto the above Demised premises unto him ye abovesaid Ephraim Amsden his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof we have hereof set to our Hands and seals this Eighteenth Day of May in ye Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign King George by the Grace of God of Great Britain and in the Year of Our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and twenty Seven. Isaac Amsden and a seal Jane Amsden (x her mark and a seal) Witness Thomas How Sen<sup>r</sup>. Hannah Newton (her mark) Middlesex. Isaac Amsden & Jane Amsden his wife above-mentioned appeared before me and Acknowledged this to be their act & Deed May 21, 1727. Tho. How Justice of Peace February 9: 1737/8.



1- Isaac Amsden, the progenitor of the family in America is first recorded in the history of our country when the record of his marriage to Frances Perriman appears in the Cambridge Records, June 8, 1654. Frances was said by one authority to be the daughter of John Perriman, but it is thought that this is merely conjecture, since the genealogist and historian Dr. Savage says that her father is unknown, which is more likely to be correct.

The two sons Isaac and Jacob were both baptized the third of November 1661, their mother Frances was admitted to full communion & fellowship on Oct. 21, 1661.

It is thought that John Amsden of Hatfield and Deerfield was also a son of Isaac and Frances Amsden despite the fact that some of the descendants claim that the family in America was founded by three brothers. What would seem to be the best explanation is that there were three sons who would of course be brothers and that the father Isaac who died so early in life was forgotten by the sons who died with issue. Further we find no record of any brothers or anyone by the name of Amsden who might have been a brother. Dr. Savage writes that John of Hatfield may have been a son of Isaac by a wife before Frances or before he settled in America. If he was the son of Isaac, which is most likely he was probably born very early.

Isaac Amsden's name spelled Isacke Amsden appears in the inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Sparhawk, who died June 27, 1647, which would indicate that he arrived in this country previous to 1654 by seven years at least.

We know from the administration papers of his estate that he owned land on the south side of the river to the extent of 12 acres, and most likely this was the Charles River. Also that he followed the trade of a mason at Cambridge, Mass.

Isaac Amsden died in Cambridge, Mass. April 7, 1659. After his death his widow married, (2nd.) Richard Cutter of Cambridge, Feb. 14, 1663. Richard Cutter died June 16, 1693 at which time his wife Frances was still alive. The children of Isaac and Frances (Perriman) Amsden are as follows. There may have been others not recorded.

2-1 John<sup>2</sup>, born -----; settled in Hatfield, Mass., married Elizabeth -----.  
 3-2 Isaac<sup>2</sup>, born in 1655-56; married May 17, 1677 Jane Rutter.  
 3 Jacob<sup>2</sup>, born Nov. 17, 1657; married Susanna Warrett. He died at Cambridge, Mass. June 11, 1701.

2-John Amsden<sup>2</sup>, (Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Elizabeth -----, the last name being unknown and whether she came from Cambridge or was of Hatfield will probably remain a secret. He died in Hatfield May 29, 1696, leaving an estate of 4 pounds, 12 shillings, 5 pence, and debts of 57 pounds and 7 shillings. "John Embsden" of Cambridge served in Capt. Davenports Co. in 1675, received cash payment Jan. & Feb. 1677.  
 Children:-

4-1 John<sup>3</sup>, born Nov. 24, 1686; married March 23, 1720 Mary Cowles.  
 2 Isaac<sup>3</sup>, born ----- died Aug. 8, 1692.



3-Isaac Amsden<sup>2</sup>, (Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Cambridge, Mass. 1655-56, married May 17, 1677 Jane Rutter at Cambridge, daughter of John Rutter of Sudbury, Mass. After having two children born at Cambridge they moved to Marlborough, where he was a captain. He is credited with duty under Capt. David Henchman in King Philips war Aug. 20, 1675. He was paid two pounds, seven shillings. Also for taxes under Gov. Andros in 1688, the amount being 4 shillings. He was proprietor of the Ockoocangansett purchase in 1684. He was town clerk a few years and selectman for 14 years. His name as selectman appears signing an invoice which totaled 19 pounds, 3 shillings, 3 pence, 4 farthings. Also was a Justice of the Peace until after the year 1717. He died at Marlborough, Mass. May 3, 1727, aged 72 years. She died at Marlborough Nov. 22, 1739, upwards of eighty years. She has left a very interesting will which it was thought desirable to include in this genealogy as well as a deed.

Children:-

- 1 Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 3, 1677-8, married Josiah Reed of Norwich, June 3, 1697.
- 5-2 Isaac<sup>3</sup>, born Aug. 29, 1680; he married (1st.) Zipporah Beaman July 24, 1705. (2nd.) Mary Martin May 23, 1718. (3rd.) Hannah Francis, June 7, 1725.
- 6-3 John<sup>3</sup>, born at Marlborough, Mass. Dec. 28, 1683; married Hannah Howe July 25, 1704.
- 7-4 Thomas<sup>3</sup>, born Marlborough, Mass. Jan. 9, 1685, married June 18, 1712 Eunice Howe.
- 8-5 Jacob<sup>3</sup>, born in Marlborough, Mass. Feb. 29, 1688-9; married Oct. 25, 1719 Sarah Beaman.
- 9-6 Abraham<sup>3</sup>, born in Marlborough, Mass. Oct. 15, 1692; married Nov. 29, 1722 Hannah Newton.

Jacob Amsden<sup>2</sup>, (Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 7, 1657, received wages for services in King Philips war to the amount of 3 pounds on June 24, 1676 under Capt. Joseph Syll. He was assigned to Charlestown Co. in Aug. 1676. Paige's History of Cambridge as well as others assumes that Jacob was unmarried, but we find in Middlesex Co. records the will of Susanna Amsden, widow of Jacob dated Oct. 14, 1707. Her name before marriage was Warrett, and the presumptive evidence that no issue resulted from this marriage would seem to be well borne out by the fact that she makes bequests to several brothers and sisters of her own, and to other people, thus disposing of the entire property, while no children are named nor any provisions or any guardianships noted in the settlement of this estate for any children.

Jacob was a glazier by trade and lived on the westerly side of Ash street. In 1681 he contracted to repair the glass of the meeting house for ten shillings, and to keep it in repair for ten years following, for 15 shillings per year. His tax bill for 1688 was 2s. 6d. indicating no large amount of property in his possession at this time, although there was probably much more at a later date as evidenced by his wife's will.

Jacob is recorded in Judge Sewall's diary as follows:-



" Jan.1, 1701 Entrance of the eighteenth century. Just about break-a-day, Jacob Amsden & three other trumpeters gave a blast with the trumpets on the common, near the Alfords. Then went to the green chamber & sounded there till sunrise".

Jacob Amsden died at Cambridge, Mass. June 11, 1701, and his is the earliest Amsden gravestone to be found in this country, and is in old Christ Church Burying Ground near Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass., and bears the following inscription.

Here lyes ye body of  
Jacob Amsden  
Aged 44 years  
Died ye 11 of June  
1701.

4-John Amsden<sup>3</sup>, (John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 24, 1686; trumpeter in the troop wounded by Indians; in 1715 he bought one hundred acres at the Bars of Peter Evans for 72 pounds; this was the place of residence of the family for one hundred and fifty years; he was drowned at Cheapside July 3, 1742. He married March 23, 1720, Mary, daughter of Samuel Cowles of Hatfield. She died Jan. 27, 1757, aged 58.

Two of the sons of this John Amsden were killed by the Indians subsequent to the great massacre in 1704 on Aug. 25, 1746 of which I give an account from Sheldon p. 546-549.

De Vaudruil, a brother of Governor Vaudruil, left Canada Aug. 3, with 440 French and 300 French Mohawks and Abenakis. His destination was Fort Massachusetts at Adams, Mass. On Aug. 18, the main body encamped on the Hoosac river, four miles below Fort Massachusetts, and took the fort on the 20, after two days battle.

A party of 60 of Vaudruil's Indians being dissatisfied with the small number of prisoners taken at Fort Massachusetts, came over to Deerfield to secure captives to grace their triumphant return to Crown Point and sell to the French in Canada. Sunday Aug. 24, they observed some partly made hay in Stebbins Meadow near the foot of Stillwater. Judging that the workmen would return to the place the next day they formed an ambush in the thicket, at the foot of a hill hard by, and waited a favorable opportunity to accomplish their object. The hay belonged to the Allens and the Amsdens.

Monday morning, Aug. 25th., the haymakers went to their fate. As far as known the party were Samuel Allen, aged 44; his children - Eunice 13, Caleb 9, and Samuel 8; Oliver Amsden, 18, and Simeon, 9, orphan sons of John Amsden.

The Allen and Amsden families lived at the Bars, on the table land just south, but had deserted their homes to live in the forts, at Wapping, or at the Street. Two soldiers seem to have been sent out with them as a guard, - John Saddler, a townsman, and Adonijah Gillett from Colchester, Conn. With the party was Eleazer Hawks, brother-in-law to Allen, who being out of health, was on a fowling excursion. He was the unconscious marplot of the occasion.



The news of the assault on Fort Massachusetts had not yet been received by the commander here, and presumably he was ignorant of the attack at Colrain, or a larger guard would have been sent out and a more vigilant watch kept. Capt. Holson (or Hopkins, by another account), a Connecticut man, was stationed here with a party of Connecticut soldiers, who were the "standing guard".

The haymakers went to work in the very jaws of the enemy, with no examination of the thicket, and, so far as appears, no precautions against surprise. Had not prisoners, instead of scalps, been their object, the Indians might have killed the whole party at a single volley. They were waiting, however, for a favorable moment for stealing between the men and their guns when the whole party would become an easy prey. Their action was precipitated by Hawks, who, going into the copse in search of partridges, stumbled upon the ambush. He was shot, the war-whoop given and a rush made for their victims.

The astounded men did the best they could. They urged the children to fly to the fort, while they tried to check the pursuit by a fighting retreat to the mill. They were so hard pressed, however they could not reach it, but took shelter under the bank of the river near it, on the flank of the line of pursuit. Here they made a stand, hoping to divert the attention of the enemy from the fleeing children. The odds were too great. Allen shot the foremost Indian, but he and Gillett were soon overpowered and killed. Saddler, amid a shower of bullets, dashed through the water to a thicket on an island in their rear, and so escaped across the river. Meanwhile part of the assailants had been busy with the children. Oliver Amsden fell early in the attack. He was scalped and his head severed from his body. His brother Simeon was overtaken and killed after a brave defense, his hands and arms being cut in pieces by the knives of his captors. Caleb Allen escaped by dodging about and hiding in a field of corn. Samuel was caught by a young Scatacoock Indian, his pursuer, and after a sharp resistance with teeth, nails and feet, was secured unhurt as a prisoner, and carried to St. Francis. Eunice was the last to be overtaken, but finally an Indian split her skull with his hatchet and left her for dead, not stopping, however, in his haste, to secure her scalp. Eunice survived the blow for seventy two years, but she never fully recovered.

But a few moments were occupied by the Indians in the bloody work, when they made a hasty retreat with their captive boy up the river and reached De Vaudruil at Crown Point about noon, Aug. 31, with the scalps of the five killed at the Bars and that of Constance Bliss. The following concise account of the tragedy is given by Dea. Noah Wright, who was doubtless on the spot at the first alarm:-

Aug. 25, 1746. In the southwest corner of Deerfield Meadows a number of Indians came upon our men at work, killed and scalped Samuel Allen, Eleazer Hawks, and one of Capt. Holson's soldiers named Jillet, and two of Widow Amsden's children, taken captive, one boy of Samuel Allen's and chopped a hatchet into



the brains of one of his girls. They are in hopes she will recover. One man killed one of the Indians who got one gun from them, and lost three guns by them.

Rev. Mr. Doolittle of Northfield criticises the military officers here for their neglect of discipline, saying "Had there not been a continual firing in the Town from Day to Day, the People would have took the Alarm, and might have been upon the enemy before ever they could have got out of the meadow". This must refer to other parties working in the meadows. It could not apply to the garrison two miles away.

When the alarm reached the town there was vigorous action by her citizens. Lieut. Jonathan Hoyt with one party followed the trail of the marauders up the river, and it was probably Lieut. Joseph Clesson who led another party across the hills to intercept them at Charlemont. Neither party had any success.

From the Massachusetts MS. Archives we get the names of a few men who went to the rescue. It seems that Othniel Taylor rode so hard as to kill his mare, for which 6 pounds was allowed him by the Province. Jonathan Hoyt and Joseph Barnard were also in the pursuit of the enemy.

The only other contemporaneous account of this affair, besides those noticed, is from the lips of "Luce Bijah". She was a bright negress, wife of Abijah Prince, "servant" of Ebenezer Wells and a member of the church in 1744.

August, 'twas the twenty-fifth,  
Seventeen hundred forty-six,  
The Indians did in ambush lay,  
Some very valient men to slay,  
The names of whom I'll not leave out;  
Samuel Allen like a hero fout,  
And though he was so brave and bold,  
His face shall we no more behold.

Eleazer Hawks was killed outright,  
Before he had time to fight,-  
Before he did the Indians see,  
Was shot and killed immediately.

Oliver Amsden he was slain,  
Which caused his friends much grief and pain.  
Simeon Amsden they found dead  
Not many rods distant from his head.

Adonijah Gillett, we do hear,  
Did lose his life which was so dear.  
John Saddler fled across the water,  
And thus escaped the dreadful slaughter.

Eunice Allen see the Indians coming,  
And hopes to save herself by running;  
And had not her petticoats stopped her,  
The awful creatures had not catched her,  
Nor tommy hawked her on the head,



And left her on the ground for dead.  
 Young Samuel Allen, Oh, lack-a-day!  
 Was taken and carried to Canada.

The children of John and Mary (Cowles) Amsden were as follows:-

- 10-1 John<sup>4</sup>, born Feb.16, 1721; removed to Deerfield.
- 11-2 Isaac<sup>4</sup>, born Sept.27, 1722; soldier at Louisburg, 1745; settled in Conway about 1770; married Aug.7, 1750 Sarah Belden. Married (2nd.) May 3, 1770, Hannah Catlin.
- 3 Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, born Sept.27, 1724; weaver, had a shop in Hitchcock Lane 1762-7.
- 4 Violet<sup>4</sup>, born Sept.14, 1726; married Jonathan Bardwell.
- 5 Oliver<sup>4</sup>, born Aug.13, 1728; killed Aug.26, 1746, at the Bars fight.
- 6 Eunice<sup>4</sup>, born -----; died Feb.16, 1737.
- 12-7 Elisha<sup>4</sup>, born Oct.3, 1733.
- 8 Mary<sup>4</sup>, born Sept.15, 1735; married Aaron Phelps of Belchertown.
- 9 Simeon<sup>4</sup>, born July 24, 1737; killed with Oliver.
- 10 Eunice<sup>4</sup>, born July 31, 1739; married June 7, 1763, Joseph Chamberlain of Sunderland.
- 11 Asahel<sup>4</sup>, born June 1741; of Ashfield 1760, of Deerfield 1765.

5- Isaac Amsden<sup>3</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug.29, 1680; married 1st. July 24, 1705 Zipporah Beaman, of and at Marlborough, Mass. She died there, Nov.9, 1716, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Williams) Beaman, of Marlborough. He married (2nd.) Mary Martin of Marlborough May 23, 1718; she died there March 25, 1720. He married (3rd.) June 7, 1725, Hannah Francis of Medford, probably daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Hall) Francis of Medford. He probably removed from Marlborough after having three daughters born there as there is no further record of him there or anyone of his family after 1726.

Children:-

- 1 Thankful<sup>4</sup>, born Nov.14, 1706; married Nov.25, 1735 Joseph Lane of Southboro, Mass.
- 2 Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, born March 13, 1709.  
 By wife Hannah:-
- 3 Zipporah<sup>4</sup>, born Oct.11, 1726.
- 13-4 Isaac<sup>4</sup>, born -----; bapt. April 21, 1728.
- 5 Eunice<sup>4</sup>, born Sept.28, 1732 in Southboro as was her brother Isaac.

6-John Amsden<sup>3</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Marlborough, Mass. Dec. 28, 1683 where he was known as "Deacon John". He married Hannah Howe July 25, 1704, who was born June 17, 1688, a daughter of Isaac and Francis (Woods) "owe of Marlborough, where the births of eleven of their children are recorded. He probably made no change in his actual residence although by the setting off of a part of Marlborough he came within the bounds of the



town of Southborough where his name appears with members of his family several times. He died in Southborough Nov.12,1761. Children:-

- 1 Amity<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Oct.9,1704; married Jan.12,1726 Jacob Wheeler.
- 2 Unity<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Dec.27,1705; married June 2,1730 Joseph Wetherby of Southboro.
- 3 Uriah<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Feb.10,1708, supposed the same whose death, March 12,1707-8 is recorded Beriah.
- 4 Zerviah<sup>4</sup>, born April 24,1709.
- 14--5 Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Jan.3,1710; married Deborah Wetherby March 15,1738-9.
- 15--6 Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Jan.3,1713.
- 16--7 John<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlborough, Nov.9,1714; married Feb.8,1738-9 Abigail Newton.
- 8 Hannah<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, June 4,1717; a legatee of her brother David 1766-70.
- 9 Persis<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, April 21,1720; died Dec.23,1757.
- 17-10 Isaac<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Jan.10,1722.
- 11 Aaron<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, June 2,1724; married Sept.9,1756 Mary Win of Sudbury. Aaron died March 11,1793 in Southboro.
- 12 David<sup>4</sup>, born Sept.23,1726; married Nov.7,1764 Thankful Tozer.
- 18-13 Jesse<sup>4</sup>, born May 31,1729; married Nov.10,1748 Bette Ball.

7-Thomas Amsden<sup>3</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan.9,1686 in Marlboro, Mass., and was a Captain of a Military company there, also a blacksmith and early settler in the Robin Hill district. He married June 18,1712 Eunice, daughter of Joseph and Dorothy (Martin) Howe of Marlborough. She was born in 1692 and died Oct.20,1725. He died April 27,1760. It is noted that he received an allotment of lands in 1735 for the services of his father Isaac, and uncle Jacob in the French & Indian wars. His daughter Lucy Howe, who was a widow at the time of his death was appointed Admx. of his estate of 106 pounds.

Children:-

- 1 Lucy<sup>4</sup>, born April 18,1713; married Feb.14,1731-2 Benjamin Howe of Marlboro.
- 2 Joseph<sup>4</sup>, born April 15,1716; died March 30,1737 "aged 21".
- 3 Eunice<sup>4</sup>, born July 27,1720; married Oct.14,1746 Dr. Jeremiah Robinson of Marlboro. He died there Oct.19,1771 in his 59th. year. Their son Thomas Amsden Robinson died Nov.30,1757.

8-Jacob Amsden<sup>3</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb.29,1689, married Sarah, born 1685, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (William) Beaman of Marlboro, Oct.28,1719; she died at Marlboro, Sept.11,1748 in her 63rd. year, and was a sister of Zipporah, wife of her husband's brother, Isaac Amsden. They were through their mother Williams, granddaughters of William and Elizabeth Ward of Sudbury 1639 and Marlboro 1660, where he was a deacon of the church when first organized there, and died Aug.10,1687. Jacob Amsden does not appear to have married a second time judging from records.



## Children:-

- 1 Mary<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, Sept.11,1720; died the same day.
- 2 Lydia<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, May 27,1722.
- 3 Abigail<sup>4</sup>, born in Marlboro, April 20,1724; married June 23, 1748 Abijah Gale, a prominent resident of Weston\*. They had six children born as Weston where she died Feb.7,1771.

9-Abraham Amsden<sup>3</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct.15,1692, married Nov. 29,1722 Hannah (born 1698), daughter of John Jr. and Hannah (Morse) Newton of Marlboro. He died in Marlboro March 7,1763. She died there Oct.9,1773. In her will dated March 6,1765 she bequeaths to her daughter Hannah, her great Bible & liberty to sit in her pew in Marlborough meeting house "as long as she remains a single woman". Most of her other real and personal property by the will was given to Francis who was named as executor but as he died before his mother, Daniel Harrington was appointed Admx. Nov.8,1773.

## Children:-

- 19-1 Abraham<sup>4</sup>, born Aug.29,1723; married Feb.13,1745-6 Hannah Whitcomb.
- 20-2 Uriah<sup>4</sup>, born June 19,1725; married Abigail Lull.
- 21-3 Jacob<sup>4</sup>, born May 28,1728; married Sept.19,1751 Mary Howe.
- 22-4 Bezaleel<sup>4</sup>, born March 13,1730-31; died Aug.10,1758.
- 23-5 Francis<sup>4</sup>, born Dec.4,1734; married Hannah ----- prior to 1763.
- 6 Hannah<sup>4</sup>, born April 13,1739.

10-John Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb.16,1721; Capt., lived at the Bars, Deerfield, Mass., died Oct.10,1794. He married Lydia, daughter of Jonathan Field of Sunderland and widow of Thomas Chapin, probably of Belchertown; she was received by the church there on a recommendation from the church at Cold Spring in 1762; she died March 4,1814, aged 83.

About 1767 it was decided that a new steeple must be built for the church, since the size and weight of the one at that time was so heavy as to spread the framework of the building. When it was completed, together with a porch the need of new shingles was seen, but so much money had been spent that the taxpayers said no, but if any generously disposed persons are willing to shingle the meeting house at their own expense they have free, full and ample liberty. The challenge was accepted, a subscription paper was drawn up some paying in grain and some in money. There were 29 names, and among them John Amsden who gave 12 shillings.

## Children:-

- 1 Mary<sup>5</sup>, born Aug.11,1762; married Feb.5,1794 John DeWolf.
- 2 Thomas<sup>5</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Lydia<sup>5</sup>, born July 18,1766; married May 24,1786 Salmon White.
- 4 Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, born Feb.17,1768; married Feb.23,1798, Sayward Phelps of Northampton, Mass.
- 24-5 John<sup>5</sup>, born Jan.23,1770.

\*Weston was set off from Marlboro in 1717. An old church record gives a list of the proprietors of Weston when this change occurred, consisting of "twenty-five heads of families, and eight young



men", among the latter is Jacob Amsden who at that time was 28 years old.

11- Isaac Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 27, 1722; soldier at Louisburg, 1745; settled in Conway about 1750; married (1st.) Sarah (born Jan. 27, 1731), daughter of Daniel and Esther (Smith) Belden of Deerfield on Aug. 7, 1750. By Sarah he had 4 children according to a letter written by his great-granddaughter on 1883 and three by the latter wife. Histories and records would seem to bear out this statement. After the death of the first wife Isaac married (2nd.) May 3, 1770, Hannah, daughter of John Catlin, a Revolutionary soldier in 1777. Hannah died in Conway March 15, 1822.

As the great-granddaughter above referred to was a nurse and not a home when the letter was written there is a possibility that she may have forgotten, although she gives the names in this order. By the 1st. wife there were children Isaac, Sarah, Simeon and Eunice. By the second wife Hannah there were children Consider, Submit and Ira. There were no dates attached, and as the records of Conway were kept in a bank in that town which burned in 1880 there is no hope of obtaining a complete list. Those that are given are taken from histories, pension records, and records of adjoining towns. They have been arranged according to dates and as per the great-granddaughter's letter.

Children of Isaac by wife Sarah Belden:-

25-1 Isaac<sup>5</sup>, born Jan. 10, 1755; married 1782 Elizabeth Gates.

2 Sarah<sup>5</sup>, born -----; married Feb. 10, 1773 Samuel Boyd of Shelburne, Mass.

3 Simeon<sup>5</sup>, born -----; married April 2, 1787 Abigail Whitney.

4 Eunice<sup>5</sup>, born -----; married April 22, 1789 Edward Forbes. By wife Hannah Catlin:-

5 Consider<sup>5</sup>, born about 1772; married Mary Rice, Mary died in Cazenovia, N.Y. in 1828 aged 51.

6 Submit<sup>5</sup>, born -----; married Nov. 28, 1813 Benjamin Spinning of Conway, Mass.

26-7 Ira<sup>5</sup>, born March 1, 1783; married Aug. 18, 1812 Minerva Bond of Conway, Mass.

12-Elisha Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 3, 1733; Capt.; settled in Conway, Mass. He married Sarah -----, perhaps Billings, daughter of John and Mary of Sunderland.

Children were evidently taken away by an epidemic as is evidenced by the many deaths in 1777.

Children as follows:-

27-1 Elisha<sup>5</sup>, born Jan. 18, 1767.

2 Daughter<sup>5</sup>, born April 22, 1768, died the next day.

3 John<sup>5</sup>, born July 13, 1769; died July 14, 1777.

4 Samuel<sup>5</sup>, born June 30, 1771; died May ---, 1777.

5 Sarah<sup>5</sup>, born April 25, 1773; died July 10, 1777.

6 Lydia<sup>5</sup>, born Oct. 1775; died July 14, 1777.

7 Amos<sup>5</sup>, born April 23, 1778.

8 Samuel<sup>5</sup>, born June 30, 1780; married May 7, 1803 Harriet Flower of Ashfield, Mass.

9 Zilpha<sup>5</sup>, born March 3, 1781; died Aug. 19, 1797.

10 Rufus<sup>5</sup>, born Aug. 22, 1783; died Feb. 1797.



13- Isaac Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Nov. 22, 1749 Eunice Pike, born 1723 in Hopkinton, Mass., daughter of Nathaniel Pike. (History of Framingham, Mass.) He died Dec. 29, 1763 in Southboro, Mass., and according to these records he was the son of Deacon Isaac.

Children:-

- 1 Thankful<sup>5</sup>, born Aug. 9, 1750.
- 2 Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, born March ----, 1752; married Nov. 23, 1775 John Prentice of Hopkinton, Mass.
- 3 Zeniah<sup>5</sup>, born March 5, 1754 a daughter.
- 4 Isaac<sup>5</sup>, born Oct. 2, 1755.
- 5 Sarah<sup>5</sup>, born May 14, 1759; married John Kellogg (?) Oct. 3, 1787.
- 6 Olive<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 19, 1761; married at Barre Oct. 27, 1780, Robt. Flemming.

14-Jonathan Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 31, 1710; married March 15, 1738-9, Deborah Wetherbee of Southboro, Mass. Deborah died March 3, 1756. He married (2nd.) Abigail Parker of Hopkinton, Mass. Marriage intentions May 31, 1770, and the marriage taking place on June 20, 1770; -Church Record.

Children:-

- 1 Hepsibeth<sup>5</sup>, born Feb. 28, 1739-40; died Dec. 18, 1740.\*
- 2 Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, born Nov. 8, 1741. \*
- 3 Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, born March 21, 1744. died June 18, 1769.

15-Ephraim Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 3, 1713; married at Leicester, Mass. Feb. 7, 1748-9 Sarah Pike. It would seem that he died a comparatively young man or about 1760 from administration papers of his estate in 1760:- Worcester Probate Court Records. It is from these papers that we learn that he had 60 acres of land, valued at 46 pounds, 13 shillings, 4 pence, in the town of Petersham. It seems entirely probable that this Ephraim was the forebear of the Petersham Ephraim who married Betsey Woodward, instead of Ephraim, the son of Jesse of Southboro, Mass. The names of All his children are found in these administration papers.

Children:-

- 28-1 Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, born -----; was the eldest son.
- 2 Molly<sup>5</sup>, born Jan. 4, 1750.
- 3 Sarah<sup>5</sup>, born Nov. 21, 1753; married April 4, 1772 John Clements of Petersham, Mass.
- 4 Amity<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 7, 1757.
- 5 Persis<sup>5</sup>, born about 1759; married July 12, 1779 Benjamin Bosworth of Petersham, Mass.

\*It may be that there was a second Hepsibeth as a marriage appears in Southboro on May 25, 1775 to John Richards. Also the marriage of Elizabeth may be confused with that of Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac in regard to marriage.



16-John Amsden Jr.<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 9, 1714 in Marlboro, Mass.; married Feb. 8, 1738-9 Abigail Newton, who was born Sept. 4, 1717, a daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Knapp) Newton. Children as follows:-

- 1 Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, born June 16, 1740; died June 8, 1744, aged 4.
- 2 Abigail<sup>5</sup>, born Dec. 9, 1745; married June 18, 1765 Aaron Fay Jr.
- 3 John<sup>5</sup>, born Aug. 25, 1748; died March 5, 1750, aged 2 years.
- 4 Lydia<sup>5</sup>, born March 17, 1751.

17-Isaac Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 10, 1722; married June 10, 1746 Mary Green of Westboro, Mass. He died Dec. 29, 1763. Children:-

- 1 John<sup>5</sup>, born March 7, 1747-8; died May 7, 1748.
- 2 Hepsibeth<sup>5</sup>, born in Southboro, Dec. 6, 1750.
- 3 Hepsibeth<sup>5</sup>, born in Southboro, Dec. 6, 1755. Probably the same.

18-Jesse Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 31, 1729; married Nov. 10, 1748, Bette Ball at Southboro, Mass. Jesse was a private in Capt. Knowlton's co., Col. Dike's regt., 1776-77; Capt. Newton's co., 6th. Worcester co. regt.; enlisted Capt. Haynes (later) John K. Smith's co., Col. Wigglesworth's (later Calvin Smith's) regt., 1777-78. He was reported as dead March 3, 1778. Their children were:-

- 29--1 Jonas<sup>5</sup>, born April 24, 1749; married Aug. 9, 1770, Hannah Rice.
- 2 Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, born Dec. 27, 1750.
- 3 Lucy<sup>5</sup>, born Nov. 2, 1752; married Sept. 19, 1776 Joseph Onthank.
- 4 Levinah<sup>5</sup>, born April 10, 1755; died Oct. 2, 1758.
- 5 Ruth<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 22, 1757.
- 6 Huldah<sup>5</sup>, born June 26, 1760; married April 6, 1779 John Philips.
- 30--7 John<sup>5</sup>, born June 6, 1762.
- 8 Silas<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 13, 1764; Revolutionary soldier.
- 31--9 David<sup>5</sup>, born April 21, 1767; married March ---, 1788 Martha Hemenway.
- 10 Lydia<sup>5</sup>, born Dec. 17, 1769; married May 29, 1811 Robert North.
- 32-11 Arba<sup>5</sup>, born March 9, 1772; married Oct. 26, 1801, Lois Barber.
- 33-12 Joseph<sup>5</sup>, born April 22, 1775; married (intentions Dec. 14, 1796 to Ruth Philips).

19-Abraham Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Marlboro, Mass. Aug. 29, 1723; married Feb. 13, 1746, Hannah Whitcomb of Marlboro. They lived at Marlboro until 1787, when he moved with his son Abel to Reading, ~~Windham~~ Co., Vermont, where Abel "pitched his land" July 3, 1787. He died at Reading, Vt. Their children were:-

- 1 Lucy<sup>5</sup>, born in Marlboro, Mass. July 11, 1747.



2 Molly<sup>5</sup>, born in Marlboro, Mass. Nov. 17, 1749; married March 9, 1774, Jonas Fay.

34-3 Abraham<sup>5</sup>, born in Marlboro, Mass. Feb. 20, 1752; married April 28, 1773 at Marlboro, Submit Morse.

35-4 Abel<sup>5</sup>, born in Marlboro, Sept. 1, 1755; married July 12, 1780 Mary Fisk of Groton, Mass.

36-5 Adam<sup>5</sup>, born Nov. 1, 1761; married Dec. 11, 1781 at Tewksbury, Mass., Dolly Kidder.

20-Uriah Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Marlboro, Mass. June 10, 1725, and at Marlboro, Mass., married Abigail Lull. She died March 16, 1786 at Henniker, N.H.

After the birth of three children at Marlboro, the family removed to Bolton, Mass., where two children were born. Uriah and Abigail deeded their land in Bolton to John Moore, Oct. 8, 1765 and probably moved to Henniker soon after, where they appear as residents in 1774. Here Uriah and his son Joseph followed their trade as millers, and are said to have been "very busy men, and highly respectable, but do not appear upon the records much, probably because they minded their own business."

Uriah's name appears as one of the signers of the "Association Test", a pledge of loyalty circulated by the Committee of Safety prior to the Declaration of Independence, in which the signers make "declaration that "we will to the utmost of our power, at the risque of our lives & fortunes, oppose the hostile proceedings of the British Armies against the United American Colonies".

Prior to this, he had served in some of the Indian wars, a powderhorn engraved with dates and representative of Indian and white camps having been in the family until stolen a few years since.

The first settlement at West Henniker was made by Uriah and his son Joseph, where they built a sawmill in 1778 which stood on the site of the paper mill in 1883, and at the close of the Revolutionary war they added a gristmill, the first in the township and largely patronized by the people of the adjoining towns. These mills were afterwards owned by the brothers Wood and were in successful operation for nearly three-quarters of a century, their last owner being Ammi Smith of Hillsboro, N.H.

The first mill for dressing cloth was built by Uriah and Joseph shortly after the gristmill was erected, and being soon after sold to Timothy Sprague, passed into the same hands as the other mills at a later date. The water power at West Henniker was first improved by Uriah and Joseph, and the latter at one time built a mill on the Annie Brook, a few rods northwest from the (in 1883 residence of the Myrick sisters). This was afterwards owned and occupied as a corn mill by John Edwards.

Some time between 1790 and 1794 Uriah's house was destroyed by fire while the family were absent at church. This was at the time supposed to be incendiary, and in some way the result of local jealousy in connection with an opposition mill, which had been started in another part of the town.



No evidence as yet found determines the death of Uriah, but it is probable that it may have occurred at Henniker, and between 1790 and 1796.

Children:-

37-1 Joseph<sup>5</sup>, born in Marlboro, Mass. April 21, 1749; married (1st.) April 2, 1771, Mary Edwards of Bolton, Mass. (2nd.) Anna Steele.

38-2 Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, born in Marlboro, Mass. Nov. 24, 1751; married in 1773 Mrs. Hannah Morse.

3 Joel<sup>5</sup>, born June 18, 1755; died May 25, 1775 at Henniker, N.H. He was a private in Capt. Josiah Fay's co., Wards (32nd.) Mass. regt., 1775.

39-4 Noah<sup>5</sup>, born at Bolton, Mass. June 19, 1758; married in Nov. 1780 at Henniker, N.H. Prudence Cummings.

5 Lovisa<sup>5</sup>, born at Bolton, Mass. March 14, 1761 or 1763; married Micah Howe of Henniker, N.H. She died at Henniker, N.H. April 25, 1800.

21-Jacob Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 28, 1728; came to Petersham shortly after the early proprietors, so that we find no mention of him in the early records of the town. He married Sept. 19, 1751 Mary Howe, who was born in Sudbury, Mass. Dec. 9, 1726, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Johnson) Howe. In the old records of Petersham we find the marriage recorded and it is written that they were both of Nichewaug, that being the name of the town before its incorporation. Mary's father Daniel moved very shortly to Northfield Meadows, where he with his brother Nehemiah, Jethro Wheeler, and William Phipps became the four proprietors of the Great Meadows on the east bank of the Connecticut river above Northfield, which after 1752 was rechartered under the name of Westmoreland, N.H., it having fallen within the limits of that province. Daniel owned one tenth of the town of Westmoreland.

Jacob Amsden moved into the southwesterly part of Petersham, which in 1801 fell within the borders of the new township of Dana, and this section is now known as Doubleday Village. It is planned at this writing to use this territory for a water reservoir for the city of Boston.

It must have been quite a sizeable little farm on the sunny southwest slopes of Petersham with its 200 acres and 60 head of animals, and we can imagine how busy a woman Mary must have been spinning her own yarn to make the homespun clothes for her man and the children, doing her housework and possibly helping with the outside work sometimes.

Jacob died a comparatively young man, being only forty-four at the time of his decease, Aug. 13, 1772, and his wife Mary, carried on the home place and kept the children. From her considerable purchases of land it would be assumed that Mary might have had considerable amounts of money for her time. In one deed we note that she bought land of Nathaniel Macarty, which bordered on Elisha Sibley's, Elkanah Haskin's, and Samuel Chamberlain's. She also purchased land from Jonathan King.

Joel who afterwards became a Major was somewhat better than five years old when his mother Mary applied for guardianship



papers Sept. 28, 1773.

Because of its great interest to descendants now living I have included the will of Mary Amsden, as well as the Inventory of the Estate of Jacob Amsden thinking that it would be a help to those who take delight in trying to visualize just how our pioneer ancestors existed and helped establish a nation and of the many privations they were forced to endure to obtain freedom of thought and peace of mind.

An Inventory of the estate of Jacob Amsden of Petersham, Mass.

Taken November 23, 1772

To the honourable John Chandler Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester and the subscriber being appointed by you to appraise in Lawfull Money of this Province all the estate whereof Jacob Amsden, Late of Petersham Died seized of, have attended said business & appraised the same as follows (viz.)

1	mare five years old	7--0--0
1	yearling colt	3-10--0
1	spring colt	3-10--0
2	oxen	9--0--0
2	cows	23--0--0
3	heffers	6--0--0
2	bulls	2--0--0
2	steers	5--6--8
2	yearling heffers	2-13--4
3	calves	2--0--0
29	sheep	6--0--0
4	swine	3--6--8
9	pigs	3-12--0
3	tons hay	3--0--0
10	tons meadow hay	2--0--0
20	bushels rye	3--0--0
15	bushels Indian corn	1--0--0
10	bushels oats	0--7--0
3	bushels beans	0--9--0
40	bushels potatoes	0-18--0
3	swarms bees	0-18--0
	cheese	0-13--0
	butter	3--0--0
	husbandry tools	6-13--8
		<hr/> 97-17--4

#### The House Furniture

2	feather beds	2--0--0
2	under beds	0--6--0
2	bed quilts	1--0--0
12	shirts	1-16--0
2	tablecloths	0--3--0
2	towels	0--1--0
6	pillowcases	0--4--0
2	chests of drawers	0-12--0
11	chairs	0-11--0
8th.	wool	0--2--8
	unknown	0-15--0



7 yards cloth	0--7--0
14 skeins woolen yarn	0--5--0
50 skeins woolen	1--0--0
35 skeins linnen yarn	0--8--0
warming pan	0--2--0
3 pewter dishes	0--4--0
6 plates	0--4--0
3 pewter basins	0--3--0
2 porringers	0--1--0
Erthen basin	0--1--6
2 tables	0--2--0
Looking glass	0--3--0
Cheese tub and pails	0--2--0
2 Brass kettles	0-10--0
frying pan	0--0--8
Iron pots and kettles	0-10--0
Churn and wooden dishes	0--2--0
Fire shovel and Tongs	0--6--0
Crane and Trammels	0--6--0
3 shackles	0--2--0
Saddle	0--6--0
Womans saddle	0-12--0
Gun	0--7--0
wash tubs	0--2--0
Books	0--8--0
Loom & tackling	0--6--0
2 spinning wheels	0--4--0
Steelyards	0--3--0
Scales	0--3--0
Great coat	0--6--0
Strait bodied coat	0--4--0
Waitcoat	0--3--4
Breeches	0--8--0
200 acres of land with the buildings	200--0--0
Cost of appraising	312--9--0
	1--4--0

Joshua Willard Esq.  
 Seth Hapgood (yeomen  
 John Wilder (

Will of Mary Amsden of Petersham, Mass. March 28, 1797

This twenty-eighth day of March in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety seven.

Mary Amsden of Petersham in the county of Worcester, widow being advanced in years and under indisposition of body, but of sound disposing mind and memory have thought it fit to settle the worldly estate God has blessed me with in the following manner, but first of all I Recommend my Soul to God in Christ my body to the earth to decent Christian burial in hopes of a joyful Ressurrection.



First I give to my son Thomas Amsden the house and the improvement of the improved land I bought of Edward Clark during his natural life. Sally the poorest feather bed and also one quarter part of my indoor movables not otherwise disposed of.

2. I give to the heirs of my son Thomas Amsden thirteen acres and a half of land I bought of Edward Clark lying in the southwesterly part of Petersham to them and their heirs and assigns forever the improvement of the house and improved land reserved for the said Thomas during his natural life as above mentioned.

3. I give to my three sons Bezaleel Amsden, Jacob Amsden & Joel Amsden the remainder of my real and personal estate not otherwise disposed to them and their heirs and assigns forever to be divided equally between them the same Bezaleel Amsden, Jacob Amsden & Joel Amsden.

4. I give to my son Bezaleel Amsden my best feather bed and one warming pan.

5. I give to my granddaughter Polly Amsden, daughter of Thomas Amsden my chest of drawers.

6. I constitute my son Bezaleel Amsden sole executor to this my last will and testament he to receive my just credits and pay my just debts and funeral charges out of my personal estate. And I do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament and I do revoke and disavow all other wills before made Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned.

Signed, sealed, published  
pronounced and declared by the said  
Mary Amsden to be her last will  
and testament in presence witnesses

her  
Mary X Amsden  
mark

Seth Williams	)	
John Rice	(	Oct. 17th. 1797
Caleb Chamberlain	)	
Sibyl Chamberlain	)	

Mary Amsden died July 23, 1797, according to all the dates I have been able to find, but we may well conclude that a mistake of a year in the town records was made and that she probably died in 1798. She was aged 70 years and 11 months. Their children were as follows:-

- 40-1 Thomas<sup>5</sup>, born June 12, 1752; married March 9, 1772 Patience Miller of Dummerston, Vt.
- 41-2 Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>, born July 12, 1758; married Nov. 14, 1778 Anna Wardin.
- 42-3 Jacob<sup>5</sup>, born Nov. 29, 1761; married 1783 Sarah Felton.
- 43-4 Joel<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 3, 1768; married (1st.) Oct. 5, 1791 Lucinda Partridge. She died Sept. 10, 1805 and he married (2nd.) Feb. 17, 1807 intentions), Abigail Rangor of Greenwich, Mass.



23-Francis Amsden<sup>4</sup>, (Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec.24, 1734, married Hannah -----, prior to 1763. On June 9th. 1769 Uriah Jacob, and Hannah, petetions Judge of Probate that Abraham be appointed Admx. of the estate of their brother Francis. Abraham took the whole real estate of Francis, and paid each of the other heirs 81 pounds 13 shillings  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence to extinguish their rights in the same. This settlement made by order of the Probate Court May 3, 1774 and April 4, 1774 the above settlement was completed, Abraham giving 1000 pounds bonds for the same.

On Sept. ----, 1763 Francis and his wife Hannah deed land lying in Southboro to Abraham Amsden of that town. In March of the same year they had land deeded to them by Abraham. At the time of Francis death (about 1769) he had a house partly built as his executor renders  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 16 pounds, 1 shilling, 4 pence expended in "Materials and necessary work done to the house of the deceased which was nearly set up & in a wasting condition". The executor also charges for journey & notifying "the heirs at Petersham" who were the families of Thomas, Jacob, Bezaleel and Joel. The expense of Francis funeral was 4 pounds, 10 shillings. His wife is not mentioned in the settlement of the estate and was probably not living at his death. The heirs were:- Uriah, Jacob's heirs and Hannah who each received 81 pounds, 13 shillings 2/5 pence from Francis's estate.

On April ----, 1774 Mary, widow of Jacob Amsden (born May 28, 1728) signs an inventory of the estate of Jacob's brother Francis as guardian of two children and John Hildreth as guardian of one child - all legatee as "Jacob's heirs" under settlement of Francis's estate.

24-John Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan.23, 1770, was a deacon; lived at the Bars; died Dec.24, 1853. He married (published Jan.6, 1798), Sarah Graves of Palmer; she died Sept.25, 1855, aged 79.

In 1813 some of the young ladies of Deerfield organized a literary society. This society was supposed to be secret. The meetings met for discussions of philosophical and literary matters; members were admitted by unanimous vote. The records of these meetings have not been found, neither the archives and the full results are not forthcoming. Mary P. Amsden's name together with 35 others appears in a list of young ladies belonging to this society, and for a more detailed account "Sheldon's History of Deerfield" should be consulted pp. 827-828.

Mary P. Amsden's funeral sermon was printed.  
The children of John and Sarah were:-

- 1 Mary Pamelia<sup>6</sup>, born Dec.30, 1800; married Nov.28, 1819, Edwin Clark of Northampton; she died April 9, 1821.
- 2 Erastus<sup>6</sup>, born July 4, 1802; died July 16, 1804, in the great epidemic of dysentery.
- 3 Sally Maria<sup>6</sup>, born Sept.4, 1804; married Dec.14, 1831, John Clary of Conway, Mass.
- 4 Harriet<sup>6</sup>, born Dec.22, 1806; married Oct.8, 1828, Isaac Clark, Jr. of Northampton, Mass.
- 5 Alma<sup>6</sup>, born Feb.8, 1809; married Nov.18, 1829, Appollos Clary.



25-Isaac Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Isaac<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 10, 1755; married (1st.) 1782 Elizabeth Gates, who was born July 29, 1760 and undoubtedly the daughter of William and Jane (Rice) Gates. She died Aug. 23, 1812. He married (2nd.) Diadema Lockwood, born 1777, who was a widow and by whom he had three children. His second wife died and he married (3rd.) a widow Kelley.

Due to the great absence of information concerning this branch of the family I reproduce herewith a letter written by Mrs. Beaman Amsden and also another by Beaman Amsden's sister Janette Amsden of East Gainsville, N.Y. to Mr. W.U. Amsden, who at that time had a great interest in the genealogy of the family, and which will no doubt be of some value to genealogists and members of the family.

Dayton, Johnson Co. N.W. Ter.  
Sept. 15, 1883.

Mr. W.U. Amsden

Dear Sir:

My husband Beaman Amsden received your letter of July 19th., and we read it with a good deal of interest. He intended to answer it at once, but being afflicted with hay fever, eyes inflamed, and feeling bad every way he deferred it, and was off surveying as soon as well enough. We have talked it over and I will tell you all we know of the subject. His grandfather's name was Isaac. He was an old man of 80 as Beaman remembered him. He died with his son Wm., he had two sons of that name, one died early in life. He had seven girls and five sons that I can count names Ellihue, Thomas Gates, Wm. Abner, & girls Polly, Anna, Experience, Philena, Clarissa, Jane. One of his wife's names was Gates. Father Amsden was Ellihue. He was a Dr. and quite celebrated as a surgeon, lived and died in East Gainsville, N.Y. He named his third son Isaac. His daughter Janette is a very intelligent woman of sixty and she could tell you more about the family past and present than anyone that I know of. She is very much interested in all such researches. She would know who had her grandfather's family Bible, and much more about him, being always at home than Beaman would. She went about twenty years ago down to the southern part of Con. by invitation of either the Amsdens or Gates to attend a reunion of the family connections. They were very pleasantly entertained I know. Isaac Amsden of Fremont is a son of the late Thomas A. of Bellevue who was a merchant there for many years.

There is a strong resemblance running through all the branches of the family, large men, rather long noses, and small mouths, dark eyes, square jaws, rather high heads, etc., and most of the girls are black eyed and red cheeks and are most all good looking.

I will send your letter to Janette at East Gainsville and I think she will answer it soon. I am very sorry that I did not attend to it sooner. Beaman is sixty-seven, me too; next he has two daughters by the first wife. They incline to marry, none remain widowers long. Mrs. Ellen Ball of Dakota, Mrs. Sarah Gage of Bolivia, N.Y.

I have six children by him, one son is a Lieut. in the Navy. His name is Charles Heath Amsden. My children have all good memories and are good moral men and women. I never knew one of the name who did anything criminal. That is to the credit of the



name certain. I know by experience that some of them failed in business and had to go broke.

I am sorry to make such a meagre report and would gladly forward your researches. If there is ever a book published my son Beaman wants one or more.

Very Respectfully Yours  
Mrs. B. Amsden

Warsaw Oct. 6th. 1883

Mr. Amsden

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 14th. which you wrote to my brother Beaman Amsden, formerly of Fremont Ohio, but now of Bingham, Wyoming Territory was remailed to East Gainsville, Wyoming Co. N.Y., my place of residence, but I was not at home and it only reached me about three days ago. I am not at home and shall not be able to give you as much information respecting our family as I could if I were at home. I have a letter from a cousin of my father's giving a history of the family from the time three brothers came over from England, two of them settled in Deerfield, Mass. and the third one they never knew where he located. Their names I can't remember without consulting the letter. I can give you the history of my ancestors as far back as my Great-<sup>U</sup>randfather, by name Isaac Amsden, he married for his first wife Sarah Belden, by whom he had four children, Isaac my Grandfather, Sarah, Simeon, and Eunice. His wife then died, and he married for his second wife Hannah Catlin by whom he had three children Consider, Submit and Ira. My Grandfather married for his first wife Elizabeth Gates by whom he had thirteen children; Oliver, Anna, Sarah, Wm., Hannah, Ellihue, my father, Polly, Abner, Thomas, Experience, Philena, Lucinda, and Elizabeth. His wife then died and he married a second wife a widow, name Diadema Lockwood by whom he had three children, Clarissa, Wm. and Jane. His second wife died and quite late in life he married the third time a widow Kelley. I am unable to give you any dates in this letter for I havn't them with me. Oliver Amsden died while a young man. Anna married a man by the name of Ammi Whitney, she had a family of fifteen children I think. I will give their names in a future letter if you desire it. Sarah died in infancy. Wm. was killed by the fall of a tree at the age of twenty-one. Hannah married a man by the name of George Brockway, she died leaving a family of three children, he afterwards married her sister Polly by whom he had six children. Ellihue, my father married Sarah Bishop. They had six children five of whom are living, Beaman, the oldest does not bear a family name, my mother named him after a Beaman Brockway. Janette my own name, Isaac after our grandfather, Edwin and Ellen M. My father was a very successful physician following his profession over fifty years always living in the same place. He died in 1870 at the age of seventy-nine retaining his faculties unimpaired to the last. Abner married Nellie Post, he died young



leaving a daughter, his wife died soon after him, and his daughter died at the age of nineteen. Thomas married Lydia Chapman, they having a family of seven children, only three of them living. His wife died and he married for his second wife Harriet Williams, by whom he had five children all living but one. Experience married Reuben Pratt. I think she had six children. I never saw any of that family except a daughter. Philena married Loren Moore. They had eight children, but four living. Lucinda married Daniel Carpenter, they had ten children, but four living. Elizabeth the youngest of the first family married Thomas Hutchinson. She died quite young leaving a family of six, but four living. Clarissa the oldest of the second family married Wm. Goodale, they had four daughters all living but the oldest daughter, who removed to California after her marriage and in trying to save her child from falling into the well both fell in and were drowned. Wm. married Eliza Fero, they had five children, three of whom are living. Jane married an Englishman Henry Bramwell, they had but one child a son. Now I will go back to my grandfather's brothers and sisters. Sarah the oldest sister married a man by the name of Boyd. I don't know his given name, nor anything more about the family. Simeon married Abigail Whitney an older sister of Ammi Whitney that married my father's oldest sister. Eunice married Edward Forbes. He was clerk on board the vessel Bonnie Homme Richard under Commodore Paul Jones. I don't know whom Consider Amsden married. Submit married a man by the name of Spinning and Ira a Miss Minerva Bond. My Grandfather moved into the state of N.Y. Ontario Co. when my father was three years of age and in 1867 he went back to the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of his native town Conway, visited the old Amsden homestead where Ira the last of the name of Amsden lived and died, his widow Minerva still living there with her youngest daughter at that time. They are all dead now, the mother, daughter and daughter's husband. There are two or three Amsden families living in Rochester, and I have heard of one living in Anomosa, Jones Co., Iowa, a clergyman but don't know his given name. I will try and find out more about the Amsdens that live in this part of the country if you would like to hear about them. I would like to know if anything I have written corresponds with the history of any branch of the family that you have. My father met an Amsden in Buffalo a long time ago, he lived in Canada but came from England. He gave father his card, with all their names and places of residence. I kept the card a number of years, but it was finally lost and I have forgotten nearly everything about them. I think one of the brothers names was John and one of the sisters names Rebecca, but their husbands names I have forgotten, also their places of residence. I never heard of the Amsdens you wrote about before. I will not trouble you with a longer letter this time for my business is such that I cannot apply myself as I ought in writing a letter of this kind, nursing the sick is my business and I have to lay aside my writing every few minutes. I shall be very glad to furnish you with all the information I possess in regard to the Amsden family and would like to hear the same from you

Respectfully yours

Janette Amsden  
East Gainsville  
Wyoming Co.  
N.Y.



Isaac resided at Conway, Mass. until 1795, when he removed to Ontario Co., N.Y., town of Seneca. A copy of his application for a pension which was granted states that he was 74 years old (date of application Feb. 17, 1829) residence Seneca; he enlisted for 9 months in April 1775 at Conway, Mass. with Capt. Robt. Oliver and served to Jan. 1776. He was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, afterwards served shorter terms. He was a farmer, and in 1829 had 40 acres of land worth about \$800.00. The pension application mentions wife Diadema aged 52 at that time, 3 children, dependents Clarissa 14, William 12, and Jane 10.  
Children by first wife:-

- 1 Oliver<sup>6</sup>, born -----; died a young man.
- 2 Anna<sup>6</sup>, born Dec. 7, 1784; married Ammi Whitney Dec. 7, 1800 at Hopewell, N.Y. He was born Jan. 18, 1781 and of Mendon and Conway, later removed to Flint Creek, N.Y. She died April 30, 1858.
- 3 Sarah<sup>6</sup>, born -----; died in infancy.
- 4 William<sup>6</sup>, born -----; killed by the fall of a tree at the age of 21.
- 5 Hannah<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married George Brockway.
- 44--6 Ellihue<sup>6</sup>, born about 1791; married Sarah Bishop. He died in 1870 at the age of 79. He was an excellent surgeon.
- 7 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married her sister's husband George Brockway.
- 8 Abner<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Nellie Post. He died young.
- 45--9 Thomas Gates<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 8, 1797; married (1st.) 1823 Miss Lydia Chapman. She died in 1841. See Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve 1896, part 3, pp. 697-704. Lynne, Huron Co. Ohio. He married (2nd.) Harriet Williams. He died Dec. 11, 1876.
- 10 Experience<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Reuben Pratt.
- 11 Philena<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Loren Moore.
- 12 Lucinda<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Daniel Carpenter.
- 13 Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Thomas Hutchinson.

By second wife Diadema Lockwood as per Janette's letter.

- 14 Clarissa<sup>6</sup>, born 1815; married William Goodale.
- 15 William<sup>6</sup>, born 1817; married Eliza Fero.
- 16 Jane<sup>6</sup>, born 1819; married Henry Bramwell, an Englishman.

26-Ira Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Isaac<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 1, 1783; married Aug. 18, 1812 Minerva Bond of Conway.

Children:-

- 1 Lucretia<sup>6</sup>, born Jan. 11, 1813; married Aug. 15, 1832 Samuel Cross of Ashfield, Mass.
- 2 John<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 6, 1814.
- 3 Lovisa<sup>6</sup>, born March 30, 1816; married May 7, 1836 Manly Guilford of Ashfield, Mass.
- 4 Harriet<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 26, 1819; married April 28, 1841 Stephen L. Pulsifer of Shelburne, Mass.
- 5 Minerva<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 13, 1821; married Sept. 19, 1840 Walter Guilford of Ashfield, Mass.



27-Elisha Amsden Jr.<sup>5</sup>, (Elisha<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 18, 1767; married Sept. 10, 1793 Polly Stone of Conway, Mass.

Children:-

- 1 An infant<sup>6</sup>, born June 3, 1794; died June 10, 1794.
- 2 Lydia<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 3, 1795.
- 3 Rufus<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 8, 1798.
- 4 Aratus<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. 3, 1801.
- 5 Sarah<sup>6</sup>, born M. 1, 1803.
- 6 Emilia<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. 25, 1806.
- 7 Mary Ann<sup>6</sup>, born M. 7, 1808.

28-Ephraim Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born about 1749 in Leicester? Mass.; married April 12, 1786 Betsey Woodward of Petersham, Mass. He probably died there although no records are to be found. Some of the records of that town were destroyed by fire soon after 1800.

Children:-

- 46-1 Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Oct. 15, 1816 Relief Thayer.
- 47-2 David<sup>6</sup>, born Petersham March 2, 1793; married Oct. 10, 1818 Rebecca Peckham of Petersham, Mass.
- 48-3 Joel<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married -----; died in Boston, Mass. June 21, 1850.
- 4 Alvah<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married in Lunenburg. Went West prior to 1833.
- 5 Betsey<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married in Lunenburg.
- 6 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married -----.
- 49-7 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born July 1786; married April 30, 1816 Shubel Shaw of New Salem.
- 8 Lucy<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married -----; died in Belchertown.

29-Jonas Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born April 24, 1749; married in Southboro, Mass. Aug. 9, 1770 Hannah Rice. He died March 20, 1802. She died Feb. 27, 1809. The last six children given are taken from the records of Mr. W.U. Amsden and are not found in the Southboro Vital Records.

Children:-

- 1 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. Dec. 6, 1771; died Sept. 20, 1775.
- 50-2 Jonas<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. April 3, 1774.
- 3 Levina<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. Jan. 29, 1776.
- 51-4 Hollis<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. Jan. 10, 1778.
- 52-5 David<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. 1783.
- 6 Hannah<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass.
- 7 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass.
- 53-8 Hubbard<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. 1790.
- 9 Susan<sup>6</sup>, born -----; died Oct. 15, aged 16.
- 10 Lovisa<sup>6</sup>, born -----; died young.



30-John Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 6, 1762; married Lovisa -----; he died May 4, 1827. She died April 7, 1846, aged 83 of old age.

Children:-

- 1 John<sup>6</sup>, born March 10, 1788 died 1827. No issue recorded.
- 2 Jedediah<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 3, 1790. No issue recorded.
- 3 Lovisa<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 16, 1794; died Oct. 24, 1802 aged 8.
- 4 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 30, 1796; died Oct. 4, 1799.
- 54-5 William<sup>6</sup>, born Jan. 7, 1785; married Sept. 10, 1802 Eunice Fisher. (2nd.) Eleanor Slade.
- 55-6 Silas<sup>6</sup>, born April 20, 1797; married April 6, 1820 Myranda Angier.
- 7 Williard<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 10, 1803; died Jan. 21, 1833 aged 29 years. Married July 24, 1828 Susan Flagg.

Silas Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 13, 1764; A Revolutionary soldier, married Sarah Hemenway. No children are recorded or appear as heirs. Silas was in receipt of a pension at the time of his death. Appraisers were appointed for his estate March 20, 1797, so that he died before this date.

31-David Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born April 21, 1767; married March ----- 1788 Martha Hemenway. Wid. Martha died March 26, 1834. They were residents of Southboro, Mass.

Children:-

- 55A-1 Jesse<sup>6</sup>, born in Southboro, Mass. May 23, 1788; died in Holliston, Mass. Aug. 21, 1871.
- 2 Betsey<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 17, 1790; married April 17, 1811 David Freeland of Hopkinton, Mass.
- 3 Levina<sup>6</sup>, born July 18, 1793; married Jan. 15, 1815, Samuel Alden of Needham.
- 56--4 Elliot<sup>6</sup>, born Nov. 30, 1795; married Nov. 5, 1821 Mary Williams.
- 5 Nellie<sup>6</sup>, born April 9, 1798.
- 6 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 23, 1800; married March 22, 1825 Jesse K. Houghton.
- 7 Alanson<sup>6</sup>, born April 7, 1802; married March 14, 1828 Eliza Fisk of Holliston, Mass. His residence was then given as Hopkinton where his marriage intentions appear as March 14, 1828.
- 8 Jonas<sup>6</sup>, born Dec. 13, 1804.

32-Arba Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 9, 1772; married Oct 26, 1801 Lois Barber. Arba died Oct. 7, 1826 aged 54 years. His wife Lois died March 10, 1850 aged 83.

Children:-

- 1 Son<sup>6</sup>, born -----; died Feb. 16, 1801.
- 2 Nancy B.<sup>6</sup>, born April 23, 1805; died 1845 or '47.
- 57-3 Minot<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 9, 1803.
- 4 Hiram<sup>6</sup>, born March 30, 1808; died Sept. 1, 1814.



33-Joseph Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born April 22, 1775 married (intentions published Dec. 14, 1796) Ruth Phillips of Southboro, Mass. He died Feb. 26, 1847 aged 73 of pneumonia. Their children were:-

- 1 Dexter<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 27, 1798; married March 28, 1822 Larina Houghton of Sherborn, Mass.
- 2 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born March 20, 1800; died Sept. 21, 1802.
- 3 Argina<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 16, 1802.
- 4 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 13, 1804; it may be that this Sally married Jesse K. Houghton instead of the daughter of David<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 23, 1800.
- 5 Lucy Onthank<sup>6</sup>, born Nov. 26, 1806; died Oct. 4, 1848 aged 42
- 6 Anna<sup>6</sup>, born May 17, 1809; married May 20, 1835 Alanson Chamberlain.

34-Abraham Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 20, 1752 at Marlboro, Mass.; married April 28, 1773 Submit Morse of Marlboro, Mass. He settled first at Groton, Mass., for he was living there when he enlisted March 1775 for eight months in Capt. Farwell's Co., and he later enlisted Dec. 1, 1775 for twelve months in Capt. Joseph Moore's Co., of Col. Wm. Prescott's Regiment, both of Mass. He fought at Lexington and Bunker Hill. On April 1, 1818 he made application for a pension which was granted, giving his age at that time as 66 years and residence as Stowe, Vt.

He moved from Groton, Mass. to Sharon, Mass., between April 1779 and January 1781, and from Sharon to Reading, Vt., from Reading he moved to Stowe, Vt. The town records of Stowe show that a piece of land was conveyed to Abraham Amsden in 1805, and from that time on until 1827, there are records of many real estate transactions in which Abraham and his sons Levi, Asa, Abram and Samuel figure. The three sons Levi, Abram and Asa, moved from Stowe, Vt. to Ohio and settled in the vicinity of Ashtabula about 1820). The last transaction was in 1827, when Abraham and Samuel deeded their farms before moving West.

In 1828 Abraham, together with his son Samuel moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, where Samuel purchased a farm about two and one-half miles east of Ashtabula, on the South Ridge road. Abraham and his wife Submit lived on the farm with their son Samuel until their death. He died at Ashtabula March 20, 1833 aged 81 years. His wife's date of death is not known. Their children were:-

- 1 Levi<sup>6</sup>, born in Marlboro, Mass. May 22, 1774.
- 2 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born Groton, Mass. Jan. 6, 1777.
- 3 Loviner<sup>6</sup>, born Groton, Mass. April 18, 1779.
- 4 Hannah<sup>6</sup>, born Sharon, Mass. Jan. 1, 1781.
- 58--5 Edda<sup>6</sup>, born Sharon, Mass. Aug. 30, 1785; married Nathan Williams.
- 59--6 Abram<sup>6</sup>, born Sharon, Mass. Sept. 17, 1788; married Mehitable Currier.
- 60--7 Asa<sup>6</sup>, born Sharon, Mass. March 5, 1790; married Susan Currier.
- 61--8 Nancy<sup>6</sup>, born Reading, Vt. Jan. 17, 1793; married Samuel Currier.
- 9 Sarah<sup>6</sup>, born Reading, Vt. April 13, 1796.
- 62-10 Samuel<sup>6</sup>, born Reading, Vt. Oct. 25, 1799; married Abigail Hazeltine, April 9, 1822.



35-Abel Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 1, 1755; married July 12, 1780 Mary Fisk of Groton, Mass. They soon moved to Reading, Vt. where he died July 25, 1828. He was a Revolutionary soldier in Capt. Joseph Moore's Co., Col. Whitcomb's (later Col. Wm. Prescott's) regt., 1775; Capt. John Drury's Co., Col. Ezra Woods regt., Mass. mil., 1778-79.

Children as follows:-

- 1 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born April 5, 1781; married Adonijah Marks.
- 2 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married John Hapgood.
- 63--3 Abel<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married ----- Otis.
- 4 Eliph<sup>6</sup>, born -----.
- 64--5 Asa<sup>6</sup>, born March 5, 1790; married Lucy Robinson.
- 6 Betsy<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Samuel Buck Jr.
- 7 Clarissa<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married ----- Taylor.
- 65--8 America B.<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married (1st.) Clarissa Davis (2nd.) Mrs. H.C. Wood.
- 9 Lina<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Amos Lowe.
- 10 Livia<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Lewis Hawkins.
- 11 Nap. B.<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Alvin Corbin; no issue, she died 1840
- 12 Charlotte<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Fred Hawkins.

36-Adam Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 1, 1761; married Dec. 11, 1781 Dolly Kidder of Tewksbury, Mass. He died at Walden, Vt. Nov. 7, 1830 aged 68. She died -----.

Children:-

- 1 Dolly<sup>6</sup>, born March 14, 1782; married June 25, 1807 Washington French or Rufus French. Had a son Rufus.
- 66-2 Adam<sup>6</sup>, born Sunday, May 14, 1783 in Tewksbury, Mass. married Wednesday Feb. 27, 1811 Pamelia Manning of Tewksbury.
- 67-3 Lucy<sup>6</sup>, born March 14, 1786; married Aug. 21, 1804 Jeremiah Kittredge.
- 4 Sally Kidder<sup>6</sup>, born March 14, 1788; married Ethan Estabrook of Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 5 Hannah<sup>6</sup>, born June 19, 1790; married Jos. Hancock of Hardwick, Vt.
- 68-6 Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1792.

37-Joseph Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Marlboro, Mass. April 21, 1749; married April 2, 1771 at Bolton, Mass. Mary Edwards. She died about 1780 to 1783, and he married (2nd.) the widow Anna D. Steele, who died at Lebanon, N.H. Joseph was a Revolutionary soldier, a private under Capt. Benjamin Hastings Co., Col. John Whitcomb's regt. Was in the Battle of Lexington; Capt. Sawyer's Co., Col. Dike's regt., 1776. He moved from Bolton to Henniker, N.H. about 1775 and thence to Lebanon about 1799. The children by the first wife are as follows. Joseph died at Lebanon, N.H. Aug. 30, 1826 aged 77. She died March 22, 1830 aged 77. This last date refers to Anna Steele.

Children:-



69-1 Joseph<sup>6</sup>, born in Bolton, Mass. Sept. 9, 1772; died in Lebanon, N.H. Jan. 16, 1843.

70-2 Joel<sup>6</sup>, born in Henniker, N.H. May 22, 1778; died Lebanon, married Sally Houston.

3 Mary<sup>6</sup>, born in Henniker, N.H. Aug. 20, 1780; died unmarried in Lebanon, N.H. 1804.

70A-4 Abigail<sup>6</sup>, born in Henniker, N.H. July 24, 1781; married Dr. James W. Dill, and died in Lebanon. She died Sept. 1806 aged 35.

By Anna Steele (who had had two sons by her first marriage)

5 Downing<sup>6</sup>, born in Henniker, N.H.; died unmarried at Norwich, Vt.

71-6 Manly<sup>6</sup>, born in Henniker, N.H.; married Sally (Houston) Amsden. No issue.

72-7 Uriah<sup>6</sup>, born in Henniker, N.H. June 1788; died in Chelsea, Mass.

73-8 Amos<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 16, 1792 at Henniker, N.H.; married Abigail Dutton.

74-9 Anna<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married John Woodbury.

38-Benjamin Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 24, 1751; married in 1773 Mrs. Hannah Morse.

Children:-

1 William<sup>6</sup>, born -----; always known as "Dr. Bill" who married Lucy Pickerall his cousin by mothers side and related to the Windsor and Reading families. No issue.

39-Noah Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Bolton, Mass. June 19, 1758; married Prudence Cummings at Henniker, N.H. Nov. 1780; he went to Lebanon, Thetford and Norwich, Vermont, and from there to Livonia Center, N.Y. in 1816 where he died Dec. 11, 1843.

Children:-

1 Abigail<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. ---, 1781; died Sept. ---, 1781 at Livonia Center, N.Y.

2 Jerusha<sup>6</sup>, born May 19, 1783; died Dec. 8, 1871 at Livonia Center, N.Y. unmarried.

3 Rachel<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. 20, 1785; died in 1810 unmarried.

75-4 Calvin<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 6, 1788; died -----; married to Mariam Guile in 1800.

76-5 Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, born Nov. 14, 1790; died -----; married to Achsah Nichols in 1817.

77-6 Lovisa<sup>6</sup>, born May 23, 1793; married to Aris Moore Aug. 15, 1820; died at Oswayo, Pa. in 1881.

78-7 Wallace<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. 31, 1795.

79-8 Eleazer B.<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 6, 1797; died July 23, 1876, at Livonia Station, N.Y.; married Lydia Richardson Jan. 4, 1826, who died Dec. 18, 1892.



80---9 Abigail<sup>6</sup>, born Aug.21, 1800, at Hebron, Orange County, Vt.; married John C. Morris Jan.1, 1821; died Dec.2, 1863, Conesus, N.Y.

81-10 Noah A.<sup>6</sup>, born May 16, 1803; died at Rochester, N.Y. July, 1892; married Huldah Kelley Jan.1, 1835, who died March 23, 1893.

11 Fannie<sup>6</sup>, born Oct.1, 1805, died in 1875; unmarried.

40-Dr. Thomas Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass. June 12, 1752, was the eldest son of Jacob and Mary (Howe) Amsden. On March 27, 1787 his mother bought of Thomas all the interest in the estate of his father Jacob for 90 pounds. At this time he is of Westmoreland, N.H. In 1793, December the 30th., Thomas sells for 20 pounds, one third part of the homestead to his brothers Bezaleel, Jacob and Joel also one third of fifty acres bought of William Eager by his father, also land owned in Westmoreland, N.H.

Dr. Thomas Amsden married March 9, 1772 Patience, daughter of Capt. Isaac Miller of Dummerston, Vt. She was born June 4, 1749 in Worcester, Mass., and died Jan.22, 1822.

Dr. Thomas Amsden lived most of his life in Dummerston, and in the "History of Dummerston" he was one of the 17 coroner's Jury, who were assembled March 15, 1775, to inquire into the cause of the death of Wm. French. The original report of the investigation is still preserved and Dr. Amsden's name is first on the list of jurymen. William French and Daniel Houghton, who were from Petersham, Mass. were murdered.

Dr. Thomas Amsden also represented Dummerston at the General Court March 12, 1778, and also served as Town Clerk. He removed from Dummerston to Petersham, Mass., his old home, where the last mention of him made in public life was when he along with others petitioned the General Court, June 9, 1798 to be included in the New Township of Dana, where he died before March 4, 1811. His brother Bezaleel was appointed Administrator of his estate. The children of Thomas and Patience (Miller) Amsden are as follows:-

82-1 Jacob<sup>6</sup>, born June 1, 1774; married Sept.14, 1794 Lydia Rice and died at Boston, Mass. in 1822.

2 Polly<sup>6</sup>, born June 18, 1775; married Joseph Smith of Barre, Mass., intentions published Jan.3, 1801.

3 Lovisa<sup>6</sup>, born Sept.6, 1776; married Dec.9, 1805 William Elliot.

83-4 Martha<sup>6</sup>, born Aug.20, 1778; married Nov.15, 1800 Reuben Holton of Dummerston, Vt.

5 Justin<sup>6</sup>, born Oct.28, 1781.

84-6 Lewis W.<sup>6</sup>, born Feb.5, 1782; married at Boston, June 10, 1809 Sophia D. Wellington.

7 Lyman<sup>6</sup>, born April 17, 1784; fell overboard from the frigate "Constitution" at sea.

85-8 Roxanna<sup>6</sup>, born Feb.23, 1786; married Benjamin Chamberlain.

86-9 Amory<sup>6</sup>, born in Hardwick, Mass. June 23, 1787; married at Putney, Vt. Mary Ormsbee.

10 Fanny<sup>6</sup>, born April 8, 1789; married a Bostonian.

11 Azubah<sup>6</sup>, born Sept.24, 1790; married Dea. Wood of Brattleboro, Vt.



41-Bezaleel Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass. July 12, 1758; married Nov. 14, 1778 Anna Wardin. We find that he enlisted as follows:- Capt. Joel Fletcher's Co., Col. Ephraim Doolittle's regt., 1775, also in Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., Col. Dike's regt., 1776. A corporal in Capt. Peter Woodbury's Co., Col. Job Cushing's regt. in 1777. His name appears on an honorary tablet for Revolutionary war veterans in the Petersham Public Library, as well as upon a bronze tablet on Dana Center Common, under which township the territory in which he lived fell in the year 1801.

Bezaleel together with Stephen Johnson and Jacob Whipple were the three first selectmen in the new town of Dana. It will be noted that Bezaleel did not at first favor the new township, presumably because of increased taxation, but in June 1800 he signed a petition along with others to be included. (See Joel Amsden)

Bezaleel is reported to have had a wooden leg. Also it is said that he used to be seen out nights with a lantern on his farm when everyone else would presumably be in bed. It was always supposed that he buried money on the place, and many attempts have been made to locate this buried treasure without success.

There is no doubt that he was a very clever man, and it will be noticed that he settled nearly all the estates of his relatives as well as those of many other persons. He is buried not far from the old Seth Williams place in a northeasterly direction with his wife and son Bezaleel's family in a small cemetery.

He died July 26, 1823 aged 66 years and his wife Anna died March 28, 1831 aged 74.

Children:-

87-1 Berzaleel<sup>6</sup>, born March 19, 1780, married May 28, 1801 Hannah Babbitt.

2 Anna<sup>6</sup>, born Sept. 17, 1785; married Feb. 23, 1802 Amos Briggs Jr.

3 Mary<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married Dec. 9, 1817 Ensign Seth Williams.

88-4 Luther<sup>6</sup>, born April 25, 1791; married April 19, 1818 Sarah Gibbs.

42-Jacob Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 29, 1761; married April 24, 1783 Sarah Felton, born Jan. 9, 1762-3, a daughter of James and Sarah (Houlton) Felton of New Salem.

Not a great deal is to be learned regarding this couple. It is known that he lived in the same locality as his father before him, and now known as Doubleday Village, (Township of Dana). The little cemetery in which he and his wife lie buried is near a fork in the road a half mile or more from North Dana Village, the road to the left leading to Petersham and that to the right to the old Seth Williams place. This branch is the next beyond that fork that leads to Dana Center and with which it should not be confused. The cemetery is to the right of the highway and about a hundred feet from the road and would never be seen through the thick pine forest. There is no fence around the cemetery and it is mostly grown up to trees with perhaps eight or ten markers altogether mostly slate. Those of Jacob and Sarah Amsden were easily found, one of them broken off near the foundation line.

It might be concluded that Jacob and Sarah did not live far distant from this little cemetery as it was the common practice to



have family cemeteries in those days. With those of Jacob and Sarah Amsden are the markers of the Stimpson and Burkham families.

Tradition has not handed down a thing for us and the facts are few and scattered. I am informed by Mrs. Henry M. Brown, wife of the Congregational minister of Dana, who is a great-granddaughter of Jacob, that his granddaughter, Pamelia Woods wrote a short history of the family, but no copies are to be found and were probably destroyed. A chair in the possession of the above Mrs. Brown belonged to this Jacob and is said to have been made by him.

Sarah died Nov. 15, 1821 and Jacob on March 24, 1830, his estate was sold at public auction April 19, and 20, 1830. The heirs that signed are as follows:- Jacob Amsden Jr., Justus Woods, Lucretia his wife, Clark and Sally Hildreth, Ahira and Lydia Skinner, Burrell and Robbard Amsden, Jacob's son Ebenezer being appointed administrator of the estate. Their children all born in Petersham were as follows:-

- 89-1 Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 1, 1784; married Nov. 6, 1806 Lucy Williams.
- 90-2 Sally<sup>6</sup>, born Dec. 23, 1785; married June 24, 1811 Clark Hildreth.
- 91-3 Lucretia<sup>6</sup>, born Nov. 7, 1787; married Sept. 26, 1813 Justus Woods.
- 92-4 Jacob Jr.<sup>6</sup>, born Aug. 28, 1789; married Sept. 13, 1812 Lyndia Hoskins.
- 93-5 Burrell<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 24, 1791; married Nov. 25, 1813 Abigail Town.
- 94-6 Daniel Howe<sup>6</sup>, born March 27, 1794; married July 6, 1814 Anna L. Peckham.
- 95-7 Joel<sup>6</sup>, born Nov. 13, 1794; died March 17, 1795.
- 96-8 Robbard<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 25, 1797; married April ---1818 Abigail Rickey.
- 97-9 Lydia<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 1, 1800; married Dec. 16, 1821 Ahira Skinner.

43-Joel Amsden<sup>5</sup>, (Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 3, 1768; married (1st.) Oct. 5, 1791 Lucinda Partridge, (2nd.) Abigail Rangor of Greenwich (Intentions published Feb. 17, 1807. By one record he is said to have married a third time - Abigail who died Sept. 12, 1855, aged 73. Lucinda his first wife died Sept. 10, 1805 and is buried in the Dana Center Cemetery.

In 1790 he bought for one hundred pounds, sixty acres of land adjoining that of his father Jacob, and is listed as being a house joiner. At another time on one of his land transactions he is recorded as being a trader.

At the Dana Centennial Celebration in 1901 the principle Speaker and President of the day the Hon. N.L. Johnson is quoted as follows. It is certain that there was a small settlement, a nucleus of a village, - a few dwellings, a store, a tavern, a blacksmiths shop, a potash manufactory, and perhaps a tannery near where this tent now stands, - many years before the incorporation of the town. I well remember my honored grandfather speaking of Major Joel Amsden as the keeper of a tavern which stood upon the site of the present hotel here before the existence of the town. To this village those living in the vicinity came for their store supplies, here they met on social occasions, here justice courts were held, here they often assembled for



public worship. These social ties and business relations brought these neighbors into special mutual sympathy, so that there grew up a sort of incipient commonwealth. The town centers to which they belonged were many miles distant with poor and hilly roads. Ox carts were the principle means of conveyance of freight and persons, horse wagons at that time being scarcely known. The law required the payment of a ministerial or parish tax, and I think, made attendance upon public worship a certain number of days a year obligatory. These requirements caused discontent and on account of the isolated condition of the people seemed almost oppressive.

On June 9, 1778, Stepehn Johnson, Benjamin Woodward, Joseph Doubleday, Ebenezer Whittemore, Joel Amsden, Jeremiah Sibley, Abijah Sibley, Thomas Stimpson, Calvin Bryant, Jacob Whipple, Jonathan Parkhurst and some others, inhabitants of Hardwick; Thomas Amsden, Nathan Smith, Noah Doane, John Partridge, Solomon Woodward and William Bancroft, inhabitants of Petersham in the County of Worcester, and John Towne Jr., Samuel Liscomb, Jonathan Babbitt Thaddeus Russell and others, inhabitants of Greenwich in the county of Hampshire, petitioned the General Court to be set off, with their estates and make a new town.

There were various among them who did not care to have a new township owing to the cost. There were many that remonstrated who stated in a petition to the General Court in 1800 that upon more mature consideration of the matter that it would be for their interests that the new town be incorporated. One of these petitions was dated in June 1800 and signed by Stephen King, William Bancroft, Bezaleel Amsden and Elisha Sibley. Another was presented about the same time, made by Seth Williams of Petersham, desiring to be included with his estate in the new town.

At the first town meeting of Dana held on Tuesday the 17th. of March 1801, Daniel Bigelow Esq. of Petersham opened the meeting. Voted and chose Jacob Whipple, moderator. Voted and chose Joel Amsden, town clerk. Voted and chose Stepehn Johnson, Bezaleel Amsden and Jacob Whipple, selectmen.

Town meetings were generally held in the meeting house, but sometimes were held in the house now owned by Mr. Murray Flagg, which was then a tavern; sometimes in the old tavern hall kept by one Day, and by Major Amsden; also in the Wood's house on the plain, and sometimes in the house now owned by Rollin Doubleday, then called the Hendricks place.

In 1819, at a town meeting held at the house of Justus Woods there was an article in the warrant to see if the town would provide a workhouse, meaning, I suppose, what we now call an alms-house. It was rejected. At this meeting it was voted to provide soldiers with powder and ball for May training. A committee was chosen to draw a plan for a bridge, and to superintend its building near the factory frame.

Joel Amsden shortly removed to Hardwick, Mass. and then went to Malone, N.Y. where he died Aug. 23, 1831.  
Children:-

98-1 Lauriston<sup>6</sup>, born in Dana, April 6, 1800; married in Middlebury, Vt. Oct. 25, 1827 Nancy Sumner.

2 Lucinda Weed<sup>6</sup>, born -----; married -----.



By second wife Abigail Rangor:-

3 Alzena Sawyer<sup>6</sup>, born -----.

By third wife, supposedly Abigail -----

4 Cornelia Adeline<sup>6</sup>, born -----.

99-5 Charles Massena<sup>6</sup>, born -----.

44-Ellihue Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born 1791; married Sarah Bishop. He died at the age of 79 at East Gainsville, N.Y. following the profession of a physician for over 50 years, and was a most successful surgeon. He died in 1870. Children as follows:-

100-1 Beaman<sup>7</sup>, born about 1816.

2 Janette<sup>7</sup>, born about 1823, was a nurse.

3 Isaac<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

4 Edwin<sup>7</sup>, born-----.

5 Ellen M.<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

45-Thomas Gates Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 8, 1797; married (1st.) 1823 Lydia Chapman. She died in 1841. (See Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve 1896, part 3, pp. 697-704), Lymne, Huron County, Ohio. He married (2nd.) Harriet Williams. He died Dec. 11, 1876 in Ohio. Thomas Amsden in company with Mr. Fred Chapman, his first wife's brother kept a store in York township for some twelve years before the village was at last laid out. Children by the first wife were 7 in number. I have so far only two of them as follows:-

1 Mary<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Abishai Woodward.

101-2 Thomas Gates Jr.<sup>7</sup>, born in Bellevue, Ohio 1831; married Sarah Gubison Allen. He died in 1864? She was born in Binghampton, N.Y. in 1829; died in 1917.

46-Ephraim Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass., married Oct. 15, 1816 Relief Thayer of Hardwick. Ephraim died very suddenly leaving Relief with a family of ten children. She had a hard struggle, but succeeded very well, writes one of her descendants. The oldest daughters Sophia, Almira Marilla and Mary Stetson developed into remarkable women possessed with business ability, which brought into play, advanced the welfare of the whole family. Relief was living in Boston in 1848.

Children:-

102-1 Sophia T.<sup>7</sup>, born in Hardwick, Mass. Jan. 19, 1819; married George Converse.

2 George W.<sup>7</sup>, born in Hardwick, Mass. died at the age of two or three years.



103--3 Almira Marilla<sup>7</sup>, born in Hardwick, Mass., married Amos C. Allen.

104--4 Ansel White<sup>7</sup>, born in Hardwick, Mass. Feb.21,1822; married Margaret Anna Harmon Sept.12,1848 at Ware, Mass.

5 Mary S.<sup>7</sup>, born in Ware, Mass. March 6,1826; married Horatio Ely.

6 Benjamin Franklin<sup>7</sup>, born in Ware, Mass. Aug.12,1823; died in Ware, unmarried.

7 Marie W.<sup>7</sup>, born in Ware, Mass. Sept.2,1833; married Thomas B. Tilton of Quincy, Mass.

8 Julius Augustus<sup>7</sup>, born July 28,1835; a Civil war veteran.

9 Julia Augusta<sup>7</sup>, born July 28,1835 (Twin with Julius); married Henry O. Caryl of Ware, Mass.

105-10 Frederick Mortimer<sup>7</sup>, born March 7,1839; married Lydia A. Thompson.

47-David Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass. March 2,1793; married Oct.10,1818 Rebecca Peckham, a daughter of Ellis and Melinda Peckham of Petersham. He died June 29,1864 aged 71 years, 3 months and 27 days. She died June 12,1869 aged 72. Their children are as follows all born in the southwesterly part of Petersham are as follows:-

106-1 Charles William<sup>7</sup>, born June 29,1820; married Nov.13,1823 Lucy Jane Barnes of Hardwick, Mass.

107-2 Samuel<sup>7</sup>, born Jan.16,1823; married April 28,1860 Louisa H. Sleeper. No issue.

3 Cordelia Ann<sup>7</sup>, born Aug.23,1825; married Dec.12,1845 James Rider of Barre, Mass. They lived in Lawrence, Mass. and had a son Frederick, an only child.

108-4 Orin<sup>7</sup>, born Jan.22,1828; married Nov.27,1850 Laura Thankful Vaughan.

109-5 Nelson<sup>7</sup>, born Nov.16,1830; married Sept.11,1854 Sarah Frances Gleason.

110-6 Horace<sup>7</sup>, born Aug.13,1834; married Nov.19,1865 Clarissa F. Vaughan.

111-7 Laura Ann<sup>7</sup>, born Oct.23,1837; married Dec.9,1858 Augustus Skinner of Dana, Mass.

8 Evelina<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died young.

48-Joel Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born about 1806; married Eliza Patch of East Sudbury, Mass. at Boston, Oct.11,1827. He died at Boston June 21,1850. She died in Boston, March 22,1876. He was a boot and shoe maker and it was for him that his nephew Ansel White Amsden worked and learned his trade as a young man.

Children as follows:-

1 Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Isaac Moore.

2 Mary Jane<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married William F. Field.



49-Sally Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 11, 1786; married April 30, 1816 Shubel Shaw of New Salem, and we find that Mr. Shaw died in Prescott, Mass. July 30, 1828. She died in New Salem, Mass. Nov. 11, 1869. They had the following children:-

- 1 Stillman<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 21, 1817.
- 2 Elbridge<sup>7</sup>, born March 3, 1819.
- 3 Deborah<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 10, 1820.
- 4 Alfred<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 12, 1822.
- 5 Albert<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 12, 1822 (Twin with Alfred.)
- 6 Shubel Samuel<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 11, 1827.

50-Jonas Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Southboro, Mass. April 3, 1774; married (1st.) Oct. 4, 1801 Hannah Conant. She died March 6, 1802. He married (2nd.) Jan. 29, 1804 Hannah Leonard. She died June 1866. He died Sept. 26, 1859. There were sixteen children, three of them dying in infancy. Eight were living June 16, 1883.

Children as follows:-

- 1 Levet<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 21, 1806; no further records.
- 2 Hannah<sup>7</sup>, born March 1, 1807.
- 3 Melinda<sup>7</sup>, born April 5, 1808.
- 112--4 Jonas H.<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 22, 1809; married Minerva Sherwin, born Feb. 25, 1814. (Married Nov. 22, 1836).
- 5 Polly<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 17, 1811.
- 6 Almira<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 25, 1812.
- 7 Lucretia<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1814.
- 113--8 Arba L.<sup>7</sup>, born June 13, 1816.
- 9 Irene<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 12, 1818.
- 10 Jeremiah Mansfield<sup>7</sup>, born June 11, 1820.
- 11 Josiah Monroe<sup>7</sup>, born June 11, 1820. (Twin with Jeremiah)
- 12 Bethana<sup>7</sup>, born June 27, 1823. (No further records).
- 113A13 John L.<sup>7</sup>, born July 22, 1824.

51-Hollis Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Southboro, Mass. Jan. 10, 1778; married at Mason, N.H. Nov. 25, 1800 Mary Chambers. She died at Mason, July 15, 1878 aged 96, He died at Mason Jan. 10, 1832.

Children all born in Mason, N.H. as follows:-

- 1 Eliza<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 10, 1802; married Sampson McIntosh; died March 19, 1876.
- 2 Lydia<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 9, 1804; married ----- Stickney; died Nov. 1878.
- 114-3 William C.<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 7, 1809.
- 4 Mary Ann<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 7, 1809.
- 5 Timothy L.<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 6, 1812; died April 19, 1816.
- 115-6 George G.<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 24, 1815; died Aug. 22, 1870.
- 116-7 Timothy<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 10, 1818; married Dec. 24, 1840 Martha C. Hills.
- 117-8 Elbridge H.<sup>7</sup>, born June 22, 1821.
- 118-9 Hubbard R.<sup>7</sup>, born July 27, 1824



52-David Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born about 1783, died June 10, 1863; married Betsy Cutter of Jaffrey, N.H., at Mason, N.H. She died April 25, 1854.

Children:-

- 1 Burley C.<sup>7</sup>, born in Mason Oct. ---, 1807; died April 22, 1810.
- 2 Susan<sup>7</sup>, born in Mason 1812, died 1884; married Asher Peabody.
- 3 Calvin C.<sup>7</sup>, born in Mason Feb. 1813; died April 24, 1863; married April 28, 1838 Dorothy Horton of Mason, N.H.
- 4 Rodney H.<sup>7</sup>, born in 1814; died Nov. 23, 1844.
- 5 Martha<sup>7</sup>, born in 1819; died Oct. 20, 1841.
- 6 Harriet<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Samuel E. Wright.

53-Hubbard Amsden<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born 1790; married Annie Sanders of and at Mason, N.H. on March 8, 1814; he died at Mason, N.H. Sept. 16, 1817, aged 27.

Children born at Mason:-

- 119-1 Henry Hubbard<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Aug. 6, 1840 Mary Muzzey.
- 2 An infant daughter died -----.

54-William Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (John<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Southboro, Mass. Jan. 7, 1785; married (1st.) Sept. 10, 1802 Eunice Fisher of Southboro. He married (2nd.) Eleanor Slade at Albany, N.Y. He died at Southboro about 1833.

Children:-

- 1 Galon<sup>7</sup>, born March 24, 1802. (No further records).
- 2 Susan<sup>7</sup>, born June 3, 1805; married June 24, 1822 Lincoln Williams.
- 120-3 Lee<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1807; married at Boston May 26, 1830 Lucretia Howe of Lunenburg, Vt.  
By wife Eleanor:-  
4 John Burton<sup>7</sup>, born in Albany.  
5 Son<sup>7</sup>, born -----.  
6 Son<sup>7</sup>, born -----.  
7 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born -----.  
8 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

55-Silas Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (John<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Southboro, Mass. April 20, 1797; married April 6, 1820 Myranda Angier. He died about 1831 or 32.

Children:-

- 121-1 Hartwell<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 16, 1821; married Harriet Danforth.
- 2 Louisa<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1822; married F.C. Litchfield of Southbridge, Mass. She died May 20, 1883.
- 3 George<sup>7</sup>, born March 1, 1824; married Fanny E. Emmerson.
- 4 Edwin<sup>7</sup>, born March 28, 1826; married Matilda Hill of Wisconsin.



5 Roswell<sup>7</sup>, born Sept.28,1827; married Lucia Porter of Stoughton.

6 Eleanor<sup>7</sup>, born April 4,1830; died Oct.11,1831.

55A-Jesse Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (David<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Southboro, Mass. May 23, 1788; married in Boston, Nov.10, 1822 Nancy Cunningham. He died at Holliston, Mass. Aug.21, 1871. On May 13, 1842 Jacob Foster, coal dealer of Boston petitioned for the guardianship of Samuel H. Amsden, then described as "Above the age of 14 years". The guardianship was assented to by his mother, who had married Nov.8, 1831 Joseph Ludas. It would seem as though there must have been a divorce, although this was extremely rare in those days.

Children:-

1 Samuel Henry<sup>7</sup>, born (1826?), married in Boston June 11, 1851 Sarah Ann Marsh.  
 2 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born -----.  
 3 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

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56-Elliot Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (David<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 30, 1795; married Nov.6, 1820 Mary W. Williams. Children born in Hopkinton, Mass.

1 Mary H.<sup>7</sup>, born April 10, 1823.  
 2 Julia A.<sup>7</sup>, born Sept.14, 1824.  
 3 Eliza<sup>7</sup>, born Jan.11, 1827.  
 4 George W.<sup>7</sup>, born Jan.1, 1829; married Oct.25, 1864 Emma A. Gardner of Boston.  
 5 Charles H.<sup>7</sup>, born Feb.24, 1831.

57-Minot Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Arba<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb.9, 1803 in Southboro, Mass. He married (1st.) Oct.10, 1833 Sally Jane Johnson. She died at childbirth Sept.12, 1834. He married (2nd.) April 7, 1836 Mary I. Dean. Both of these women were of Grafton, Mass. where Minot seems to have made his home.

Children:-

1 Henry<sup>7</sup>, born Sept.3, 1834; died Oct.30, 1834 aged 8 weeks.

By wife Mary I. Dean:-

2 Henry Minot<sup>7</sup>, born March 6, 1840.  
 3 Albert Dean<sup>7</sup>, born Nov.19, 1842.

58-Edda Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Sharon, Mass. Aug.30, 1785, married Nathan Williams. They had two daughters and one son named Alere. No further records.



59-Abram Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Sharon, Mass. Sept. 17, 1788, married Mehitable Currier at Stowe, Vt., a daughter of Peter Currier, born Sept. 1787. They resided at Stowe, Vt. until about 1820, when he with his family moved to Saybrook, Ohio, where he purchased a farm on the South Ridge road, about two and one-half miles west of Ashtabula. He and his wife died of pulmonary trouble, he on May 17, 1834, aged 46 years, and she April 27, 1840 aged 53 years. Of the large family of children 5 died of consumption, viz. Susan, Emily, Sarah, Elizabeth and Riverius.

Children as follows:-

122-1 Susan<sup>7</sup>, born at Stowe, Vt. Nov. 24, 1811; married Lysander C. Woodworth of Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio.

123-2 Cynthia<sup>7</sup>, born at Stowe, Feb. 22, 1814; married Barzilla Beckwith at Saybrook, Ohio. She removed to Chicago, Ill.

124-3 Emily<sup>7</sup>, born at Stowe, Vt. June 17, 1816; married March 28, 1838 Charles Cummings at Saybrook, Ohio.

125-4 Abel<sup>7</sup>, born at Stowe, Vt. Dec. 14, 1819; died in Iowa Sept. 22, 1841 unmarried.

5 Sarah<sup>7</sup>, born at Saybrook, Ohio, April 22, 1822; married Charles Turner, Monroe, Ashtabula Co., O. died April 6, 1847. Childless.

6 Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, born Saybrook, Ohio Jan. 3, 1826; died Aug. 24, 1843, unmarried.

126-7 Elisha<sup>7</sup>, born at Saybrook, Ohio Oct. 14, 1828, married 1852. Was of Abington, Knox Co., Ill. Removed to Humbolt, Kansas.

8 Riverius<sup>7</sup>, born at Saybrook, Ohio, March 14, 1832; died at Monmouth, Ill. in 1852 unmarried.

60-Asa Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Sharon, Mass. March 5, 1790, married Susan Currier. She was born in 1791, and a daughter of Peter Currier of Stowe, Vt. He died at Saybrook, Ohio, May 20, 1831 aged 41 years, and she on Dec. 1, 1859, aged 68 years.

Their children were:-

127-1 Philo C.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married in 1839 Mary Hubbard.

2 Justin A.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married -----.

128-3 Samuel C.<sup>7</sup>, born at Ashtabula, Ohio, June 23, 1822; married at Jefferson, Ohio Oct. 27, 1844 Clarissa Hubbard.

4 Eliza<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

129-5 Delia<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Riley Lockwood.

6 Martha<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

61-Nancy Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Reading, Vt. Jan. 17, 1793; married Samuel Currier, a son of Peter Currier of Stowe, Vt.

Their children were:-

1 Isaac<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

2 Albert<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

3 Nancy<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

4 Wealthy<sup>7</sup>, born -----.



62-Samuel Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Reading, Vt. Oct. 25, 1799; married April 19, 1822 Abigail Hazeltine, who was born March 10, 1802.

In 1828, two covered wagons left the little town of Stowe, Vt. for the West. The two horse wagon contained Samuel Amsden, his wife Abigail and their three children, Laura, George and baby Eunice. It was followed by a one horse wagon in which rode his father and mother, Abraham and Submit Amsden. After some thirty days travel they arrived at the little town of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Samuel being a brickmaker by trade, immediately began looking for a suitable bed of clay for the brickmaking and found what he wanted on the South Ridge road two miles east of Ashtabula, upon which was a log cabin and a small clearing. The house being small he immediately built a house for his father and mother out of three inch whitewood plank, twelve inches wide, setting them up edge-wise, locking and pinning them with wooden pins. This was covered with boards placed vertically with battens covering the cracks. He was a farmer, a brickmaker, a blacksmith, a shoemaker, a carpenter. He made his own horseshoes and nails to fasten them on with. He made the boots and shoes for his family. By hiring one or two men he managed to clear the land, cutting the timber into wood - it took forty cords of four foot wood to burn 100,000 brick besides the wood for the two houses, carry on the farm and put up a kiln of one hundred thousand brick every season which met with a ready sale. He was a mechanic as all pioneers had to be. His wife Abigail died at Ashtabula, Ohio June 1, 1860, aged 58 years, and he on Jan. --, 1873, aged 74 years.

Their children were:-

- 130-1 Laura A.<sup>7</sup>, born in Stowe, Vt. March 21, 1823; married Feb. 28, 1842 Samuel Ward of Ashtabula.
- 131-2 George W.<sup>7</sup>, born June 25, 1825; married Nov. 30, 1851 Emily A. Newell at Ashtabula.
- 132-3 Eunice<sup>7</sup>, born Stowe, Vt. Jan. 21, 1828; married at Jefferson, Ohio, June 21, 1855 Artemus Bowker.
- 133-4 Gilson H.<sup>7</sup>, born in Ashtabula Sept. 30, 1831; married M-  
iam Tooley.
- 134-5 Edwin H.<sup>7</sup>, born in Ashtabula, March 24, 1834; married at Ashtabula, Ohio Dec. 28, 1854 Harriet A. Bidwell.
- 135-6 Austin O.<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 9, 1836 in Ashtabula, Ohio; married at Ashtabula Dec. 25, 1856 Mary J. Dickinson.
- 136-7 Lucius K.<sup>7</sup>, born April 7, 1838 at Ashtabula, Ohio; married at Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1875 Lydia E. Slater.

63-Abel Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married an Otis, in whose veins was Indian blood. He lived near Windsor, Vt. until 1847, then went to Northern Iowa, thence to Carthage, Missouri, where both died.

Children:-

- 1 Lydia<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married in the West and died 1874 at Carthage, Missouri.



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Children of Asa Amoson and Lucy Robinson  
all born in Reading, Vt.

1. Deborah Harrison born May 2, 1813
2. Alanson C. born, Oct 28, 1814, died Nov. 28, 1850
3. Abigail J. born, Jan. 18, 1816, died Mar. 10, 1883
4. Maggie J. M. born, Aug. 31, 1818, died Mar. 29, 1823
5. Edmund D. born Mar. 19, 1820, died Jan. 7, 1865
6. Oberville J. born Feb. 24, 1822, died May 16, 1885
7. Broonda Marcellus born May 24, 1824, died May 21, 1886
8. Lucy Ann born June 29, 1826, died Dec. 16, 1852
9. Cobell, born Aug. 28, 1828, died Mar. 24, 1829
10. Rosalie Turner born April 11, 1830, died April 6, 1854
11. Marcella Turner born April 11, 1830, died May 29, 1874



137-2 Richard P.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Lora Ann Buck of Scranton, Iowa.  
 3 Sarah<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died in Grafton, N.Y.  
 4 Otis Robert<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married a Baxter of Troy, N.Y. and moved to California.  
 5 Mary<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married a Tutterly; died in Claremont, New Hampshire, in 1844.  
 6 Daniel<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married in South Boston.  
 7 Emeline<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died in 1845 unmarried.  
 8 Forest<sup>7</sup>, born -----; moved to Independence, Kansas.

64-Asa Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 5, 1790; married Lucy F. Robinson and lived at Felchville, Vt. He died in 1832 aged 43.

Children:-

1 Lysander H.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died unmarried in Missouri in 1843.  
 138-2 Alanson O.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married a Grant.  
 139-3 Alonzo<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Minerva Grant; died in 1822.  
 140-4 Alzamon D.<sup>7</sup>, born <sup>3/10/1824</sup>, married Harriet Felch.  
 141-5 Orville D.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Louisa Taft.  
 6 Rosander W.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Mary Jewell.  
 7 Lucy A.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married W.H. Thomas of Boston; died 1851  
 8 Marcella<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Amassa Parsons; died 1874.  
 9 Rosalie<sup>7</sup>, born -----; (Twin with Marcella) died 1854 unmarried.

65-America B. Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married (1st.) Clarissa Davis. (2nd.) Mrs. Nancy (Childs) Ward. She was born in Ashburnham, Mass. in 1790 and living in Windsor, Vt. 1884. He died Oct. 4, 1869, being drowned by the carrying away of a bridge during a freshet.

Children:-

142-1 Rollin<sup>7</sup>, born June 19, 1829.  
 143-2 Charles<sup>7</sup>, born May 6, 1832.

66-Adam Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sunday May 14, 1783 in Tewksbury, Mass.; married Wednesday Feb. 27, 1811 Pamelia Manning of Tewksbury, Mass. He died in Walden, Vt. April 10, 1854 aged 71 years. His wife died Sunday Oct. 20, 1867 aged 71 years. Their children are as follows:-

144-1 Adam M.<sup>7</sup>, born Sunday Oct. 6, 1811; married Wednesday June 10, 1835 Mary Goodridge or Goodrich.  
 145-2 John H.<sup>7</sup>, born Friday May 13, 1813; married Saturday April 7, 1837 Polly Foster.  
 146-3 Mark A.<sup>7</sup>, born Friday Sept. 6, 1816; married Tuesday May 3, 1842 Margaret Chamberlain.  
 4 Pamelia M.<sup>7</sup>, born Wednesday Dec. 2, 1818; married Sunday Dec. 17, 1843 Alpheus D. Jenne.



147-5 Samuel<sup>7</sup>, born Tuesday April 10, 1821; married Sunday Oct. 30, 1842 Eliza B. Briggs.

148-6 Abel<sup>7</sup>, born Thursday July 10, 1823; married Saturday Oct. 28, 1848 Elizabeth Hart.

149-7 Hiram H.<sup>7</sup>, born Sunday July 10, 1825; married Saturday Nov. 10, 1849 Elizabeth M. Johnson.

150-8 Burt B.<sup>7</sup>, born Sunday July 24, 1827; married Saturday March 26, 1853 Amelia A. Walcott.

151-9 James H.<sup>7</sup>, born Friday Nov. 6, 1829; married (2nd.) Wednesday July 31, 1867 Sarah T. Peckham.

152-10 Stephen C.<sup>7</sup>, born Monday July 16, 1832; married Thursday June 22, 1854 Maggie E. Hatch.

67-Lucy Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 14, 1786; married Aug. 21, 1804 Jeremiah Kittredge, who was born Nov. 25, 1776. He died March 29, 1857 at Danville, Vt. and she Aug. 15, 1875 at Danville, Vt.

Their children were as follows:-

- 1 Lucy<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 30, 1805; married Dec. 3, 1829 Hiram Cole of Walden, Vermont.
- 2 Harriet<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 4, 1807.
- 3 Hannah<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 17, 1809.
- 4 Jeremiah Kidder<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 9, 1812.
- 5 Laura<sup>7</sup>, born March 30, 1815.
- 6 Maria D.<sup>7</sup>, born June 23, 1818; married March 18, 1846 Leonard W. Brown.
- 7 Uri B.<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 6, 1821; married Dec. 6, 1845 Caroline R. Gifford.
- 8 Ephraim A.<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 4, 1824.
- 9 Rufus F.<sup>7</sup>, born April 1, 1830.

68-Ephraim Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 15, 1792. In 1823 he said he had been married, had two children and had buried his wife. About 1824 he married Gratie Hancock who bore him a child which died and she also.

Very soon after he left for parts unknown and was never heard from afterward by his niece, (now Mrs. Harriet Wright of South Troy, Vt.) His nephew (Rufus A. French of Saxonville) saw him in South Andover, Mass. in 1827 but knows nothing later of him.- excerpt from an old letter.

69-Joseph Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Bolton, Mass. Sept. 9, 1772, and according to one report on Nov. 20, 1775. He married Nov. 1798 Jerusha Brown, youngest daughter of Thomas Brown of Stowe, Mass. She was born Oct. 22, 1799 and died Feb. 16, 1845 at Norwich, Vt. He died Jan. 16, 1843 and is buried at Lebanon, Vt. Joseph was the favorite of the seven sons-in-law of Grandfather Brown writes one of Joseph's daughters. Their children were as follows:-



153--1 Joseph Leonard<sup>7</sup>, born in Thetford, Vt. Aug. 20, 1799; died unmarried in Augusta, Georgia July 19, 1872.

2 Lucy Brown<sup>7</sup>, born in Lebanon, N.H. July 4, 1801; married in 1844, December 15, Ellihu, who was a farmer.

3 Abigail<sup>7</sup>, born in Norwich, Vt. Jan. 21, 1803; married (1st.) Cyrus Dudley April 19, 1822. He married (2nd.) Dec. 1841 Judge Dana of Woodstock, Vt.

4 Mary Edwards<sup>7</sup>, born in Lebanon, N.H. April 19, 1804.

5 Eliza<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. Jan. 5, 1806.

6 Jerusha Brown<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. Aug. 24, 1807.

7 Marcia<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. March 7, 1809; married July 1865 Otis Whitney.

8 Persis<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. Feb. 3, 1811; died the 24th. of the same month.

154--9 Joel<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. Sept. 5, 1812; married Feb. 22, 1838 Anna T. Power.

10 Susan Rebecca<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. Oct. 12, 1814; married Sept. 1833 Don. A. Brigham.

11 Oliver Edward<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 30, 1817 at Hartland, Vt.; died Jan. 10, 1827 at Enfield, N.H.

12 Orvis Gibson<sup>7</sup>, born in Hartland, Vt. Jan. 1, 1820.

13 Sarah Ann<sup>7</sup>, born at Charlestown, N.H. Sept. 16, 1823, died Jan. 11, 1827 at Enfield, N.H. one day after Oliver of Putrid Sore Throat.

70-Joel Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Henniker, N.H. May 22, 1778; married Sally Houston who survived him. He was a man of means and a Captain of the Militia. He died at Lebanon Jan. 15, 1830 and is buried there. They had no children.

71-Manly Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; Married Sally (Houston) Amsden, the widow of his brother Joel. They lived in Albany at the time of his death. Sally survived him and died somewhere in Massachusetts. No issue.

70A-Abigail Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Henniker, N.H. July 24, 1871; married Dr. James W. Dill. She died in Lebanon, N.H. Sept. 1806 aged 35. In 1883 her niece writes as follows:- Aunt Abigail was possessed of great personal beauty, "A lady told me who used to see her at church in Lebanon when all the town came to one place of worship, she was by far the most beautiful person who came into church". She had regular features and complexion surpassingly clear and brilliant. Both she and her daughter Mrs. Hyde died of consumption. The records of her daughter are not available at this writing.



72-Uria Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Henniker, N.H. June 1788; married at Lebanon Oct. 3, 1813 Susannah Fay, born Sept. 14, 1794, daughter of Barnabas and Chloe (Packard) Fay of Hardwick, Mass. He died in Chelsea, Mass. Jan. 6, 1862, and she in Boston, Sept. 25, 1872. His niece Jerusha Brown Amsden comments thusly on Uriah:- His figure was not so good as that of his brothers, but his face showed great intelligence and shrewdness. Children were attracted to him. Even in old age, infirm and an invalid when he took his daily constitutional while living in Chelsea in his walks the children would gather around him and follow him to his door, chatting in a most friendly and enjoyable manner. I remember as a child I learned to love him, and when I looked into his face I saw unmistakable benevolence and goodliness of heart written in legible character there.

Children:-

- 1 Horace Belknap<sup>7</sup>, born in Lebanon, N.H. Aug. 2, 1816; died March 8, 1827.
- 155-2 George Manly<sup>7</sup>, born in Lebanon, N.H. Oct. 14, 1821; died in Lebanon, N.H. Feb. 2, 1902.
- 3 Charles Willoughby<sup>7</sup>, born in Lebanon, N.H. June 7, 1824; died March 7, 1846.
- 4 Helen Minerva<sup>7</sup>, born in Lebanon, N.H. Sept. 13, 1831; married June 6, 1855 Elias Dennison, and died at Norway, Me. Dec. 18, 1867. No issue.

73-Amos Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Henniker, N.H. Sept. 16, 1792; married Feb. 2, 1816 at Lebanon, N.H. Abigail Dustin. She was born Aug. 19, 1793 and died June 18, 1852. He died Aug. 29, 1878.

Children:-

- 1 Son<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 12, 1816; died Dec. 1, 1816.
- 2 Hiram Abiff<sup>7</sup>, born March 26, 1818; died Feb. 8, 1844.
- 3 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 13, 1820; died Dec. 1, 1820.
- 156-4 Fred Adams<sup>7</sup>, born April 23, 1822; married Oct. 12, 1853 Adelaide Thomas.
- 5 David Dustin<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 30, 1825; died May 16, 1827.
- 6 Abbie Ann<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 29, 1828; died Sept. 20, 1873.
- 7 Caroline A.<sup>7</sup>, born April 25, 1833; married Capt. Sharp of Houston, Texas.
- 8 Mary Fletcher<sup>7</sup>, born April 19, 1836; died Oct. 13, 1837.

74-Anna Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married John Woodbury. Of her Aunt Anna, Jerusha Brown Amsden writes as follows: "Aunt Woodbury was very handsome with a graceful and commanding figure, dark eyes and hair of chestnut color and with a light on it as though the sun was shining on it".



75-Calvin Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb.6, 1788; married Mariam Guile. Was of Livonai, N.Y.  
Children:-

- 1 Uriah<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Eleazer Brooke<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Prudence Pauline<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 4 Rhoda Melvina<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 5 Elizabeth Scott<sup>7</sup>, born -----.

76-Benjamin Cummings Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov.14, 1790; married Achsah Nichols in 1817; she was born April 18, 1799; she died May 21, 1871, and he on Jan.18, 1862, probably in the vicinity of Livonia, N.Y.

Children:-

- 157-1 Benjamin Monroe<sup>7</sup>, born Dec.18, 1818; married Dec.4, 1855 Reliance Avery.
- 158-2 Noah Cummings<sup>7</sup>, born Sept.6, 1820; married Sarah Hulbert.
- 3 Harriet Newell<sup>7</sup>, born Aug.21, 1824; married July 30, 1878? Isaac Reed.
- 159-4 Jonathan Nichols<sup>7</sup>, born Sept.6, 1826; married Dec.4, 1855 Aurelia J. Smith.
- 5 Louisa Ann Moore<sup>7</sup>, born Dec.12, 1829; married in 1862 Sidney S. Collins.
- 6 Achsah Larantia<sup>7</sup>, born May 4, 1832; married June 2, 1859 George W. Murch.
- 7 Fanny Prudence<sup>7</sup>, born May 18, 1837; married William J. Myers.

77-Lovisa Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born either at Lebanon, N.H. or Thetford, Vt. May 23, 1793; married Aug.15, 1820 Aris Moore. She died at Oswayo, Pa. in 1881.

Children:-

- 1 Jerusha A.<sup>7</sup>, born Feb.14, 1823; married Oct.1, 1848 Samuel Johnston.
- 2 Noah O.<sup>7</sup>, born Feb.22, 1824; married Dec.26, 1852 Nancy Chesser.
- 3 Phila D.<sup>7</sup>, born April 18, 1826; married Aug.30, 1860 Joel Haskins.
- 4 John S.<sup>7</sup>, born May 19, 1829; married Feb.3, 1853 Margaret McCrea.
- 5 Elizabeth T.<sup>7</sup>, born May 28, 1831; married Nov.7, 1852 Reuben A. Drake. (2nd.) March 5, 1868 to Thomas Crittenden.
- 6 Son<sup>7</sup>, born July 19, 1833; died Aug.18, 1833.

78-Wallace Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 31, 1795.

Children:-

- 1 George<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Freeman J.<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Lovisa<sup>7</sup>, born -----.



79-Eleazer Brooke Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 6, 1797; died July 23, 1876, at Livonia Station, N.Y. married Jan. 4, 1826 Lydia Richardson, who died Dec. 18, 1892. He is listed with the following children:-

- 1 Prudence E.<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 2, 1826; died Oct. 10, 1826.
- 2 Abigail E.<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 2, 1826; died Oct. 10, 1826 (Twin with Prudence E., above).
- 3 Fannie P.<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 29, 1827; married Sept. 22, 1860 James Lee.
- 4 Mary L.<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 30, 1829; married William G. Marble April 14, 1854.
- 160--5 Manly S.<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 2, 1831; married Jan. 1, 1855 Harriet P. Green.
- 6 Abigail L.<sup>7</sup>, born April 26, 1833; died Feb. 4, 1838.
- 7 Dennis M.<sup>7</sup>, born April 6, 1835; married in 1857 or '58 O.B. Gray.
- 8 Achsah A.<sup>7</sup>, born July 28, 1837; married (1st.) Feb. 16, 1870 Philander Richardson (2nd.) Feb. 15, 1879 Sherman W. Rider.
- 9 Lydia L.<sup>7</sup>, born July 13, 1839; married Oct. 22, 1860 Frank M. Bronson. (2nd.) Sept. 21, 1871 Martin Marlette.
- 10 Joel M.<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 10, 1841; died in Florence prison in 1864.
- 161-11 Franklin O.<sup>7</sup>, born April 4, 1846; married Frank E. Burrell Oct. 20, 1870.
- 162-12 Rufus Brooks<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 11, 1843; married June 30, 1870 Josie DeMinney.

80-Abigail Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Hebron, Orange county, Vt. Aug. 21, 1800; married Jan. 1, 1821 John C Morris.

Children:-

- 1 Louisa<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 17, 1821; married April 8, 1858 James McNinch.
- 2 William E.<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 23, 1823; married April 28, 1853 Sarah Washburn.
- 3 Minerva<sup>7</sup>, born June 15, 1825; married Franklin Foote.
- 4 Adeline<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 28, 1828; married John D. Alger.
- 5 Franklin<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 21, 1830; married Mary Annis.
- 6 George M.<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 21, 1836.
- 7 Phoebe<sup>7</sup>, born May 14, 1842.

81-Noah Amos Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 16, 1803; married Jan. 1, 1835 Huldah Kelley at Livonia, N.Y. Children, probably all, born in Livonia, N.Y.

- 163-1 Wright<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 24, 1835; married May 26, 1861 Eliza Jane Fifield.
- 2 Jennie M.<sup>7</sup>, born July 2, 1838; married Stephen Knight.
- 164-3 Philo W.<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 8, 1849; married Oct. 23, 1870 Maggie Le-Gerry.
- 4 George<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died very young.

82-Jacob Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 1, 1774; married (1st.) Sept. 14, 1794 at Boston, Mass., Lydia Rice. She died and he married (2nd.) Mansir? Dec. 13, 1819



Betsy Mansir. He died at Boston, Mass. Dec. 13, 1819.

Children:-

165-1 Jacob<sup>7</sup>, born in Petersham, Mass. Aug. 16, 1797; married March 13, 1822 Polly Bosworth of Petersham, Mass.  
 166-2 Thomas<sup>7</sup>, born in Boston, Mass. Dec. 25, 1799.  
 167-3 William H.<sup>7</sup>, born in Boston, Mass. July 16, 1803.

83-Martha Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 20, 1778; married Nov. 15, 1800 Reuben Holton of Dummerston, Vt. Reuben and his wife Martha kept the old toll bridge in West Dummerston. Martha died in this toll-bridge house, and the box with which the money was collected has been given the author by a great-granddaughter of Martha. In one of her letters to me she states that she remembered her grandmother telling of the toll bridge many times and of the joy in collecting the money as a child. Martha died on Aug. 19, 1833 aged 55 years old. Her husband married a second time, but did not live long after, dying on March 14, 1865.

Children:-

1 Fanny<sup>7</sup>, born in 1804; married Luther Thayer of Boston; died Feb. 23, 1836 aged 32 years.  
 2 Martha<sup>7</sup>, born July 16, 1818; married about 1830 Alvin Alexander of Bernardston, Mass. died Nov. 13, 1899.

84-Lewis W. Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 5, 1782; married at Boston, Mass. June 10, 1809 Sophia Dix Wellington. She died March 5, 1850, and he at Chicopee, Mass. March 24, 1848.

Children:-

1 Lewis Hinny<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 13, 1812; killed by a falling tree at Malone, N.Y. Jan. 20, 1833.  
 2 Benjamin W.<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 9, 1814; married Adeline Brigham; died at Saratoga in 1882. No issue.  
 168-3 Thomas Osborne<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 9, 1816; married (1st.) Dec. 4, 1838 Caroline Burton. (2nd.) Jan. 4, 1846 Mary C. Bigelow. (3rd.) Emelia -----; now deceased (1884).  
 4 Anna S.<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 1, 1818; married Sept. 24, 1845 John Chase.  
 5 Harriet W.<sup>7</sup>, born March 22, 1820; married June 10, 1846 John J. Smith.  
 169-6 Isaac P.<sup>7</sup>, born July 27, 1822; married June 8, 1843 Abbie M. Reed.  
 7 Lucy W.<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 28, 1824; married Aug. 7, 1844 Orrin Baggs.  
 170-8 James L.<sup>7</sup>, born July 14, 1829; married (1st.) Jan. 31, 1861 Sarah Kent. (2nd.) Orpha P. Kent.

85-Roxanna Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Dummerston, Vt. Feb. 23, 1786; married Benjamin Chamberlain of Dummerston, Vt., and lived in the Fred Crosby place. The "History of Dummerston" gives one birth to this couple. There may have been others.



## Child:-

1 Rosina<sup>7</sup>, born -----; taught school in Dummerston.

86-Amory Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 23, 1787; married Mary Ormsbee, who was born at Putney, Vt. In the record it is reported that he is born in Hardwick, Mass. It is certain that he was for a time in Dummerston and it was while here that he probably met Mary Ormsbee. He was evidently living in West Bloomfield, N.Y. at the time of Ira's birth. His wife Mary died in Springfield, Ohio May 24, 1860 and he died there on Sept. 15, 1865.

## Children:-

- 1 Sophia M.<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married ----- Gillett.
- 2 Lucinda<sup>7</sup>, born -----; unmarried in 1884, and living at Rochester, N.Y.
- 171-3 Christopher Thomas<sup>7</sup>, born in Putney, Vt. Feb. 12, 1815; married July 1840 Mary Jane Jenkins at Port Gibson, N.Y.
- 4 Alazo Kneeland<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 5 Ira<sup>7</sup>, born 1825 in West Bloomfield, N.Y. died Dec. 11, 1901 in Buffalo, N.Y.
- 6 George<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died in infancy.

87-Berzaleel Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 19, 1780; married May 28, 1801 Hannah Babbitt. He died Feb. 18, 1854 aged 73 years, 11 months. She died Aug. 9, 1872 aged 89 years, 6 months. Hannah Babbitt was born Feb. 9, 1783.

## Children as follows:-

- 1 Warren<sup>7</sup>, born May 7, 1802; died March 5, 1810 aged 7 years 9 months, 29 days.
- 172-2 Harriet<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 14, 1803; married July 20, 1828 Justus Witt.
- 173-3 Philura<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 3, 1820; married March 9, 1841 Charles A. Gleason.
- 4 Ann<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 7, 1809; married Feb. 6, 1828 Adin Witt.

88-Luther Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born April 25, 1791; married April 19, 1818 Sarah Gibbs of New Salem, Mass., a daughter of Solomon and Sarah Gibbs. He died March 25, 1863. She died Oct. 7, 1887. They had only one child, and are buried in the Dana Center Cemetery.

## Child:-

- 1 Luthera<sup>7</sup>, born July 6, 1818, married (1st.) Nov. 7, 1839 Lyman Johnson of Dana, Mass. She married (2nd.) Charles Randall.



89-Ebenezer Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass. Feb. 1, 1784; married Nov. 6, 1806 Lucy Williams, born 1790, a daughter of Seth and Azubah Williams of Norton, Mass., and who had settled in Petersham. Ebenezer built the house which was later used as the town farm on the road from Dana Center to Petersham, and which fell to his son Albert. Ebenezer died June 26, 1848 aged 64 years, of "Liver Complaint", it is recorded in the Dana Records. His wife Lucy died June 24, 1874, aged 83 years, 1 day old. Their children:-

- 1 Mary<sup>7</sup>, born 1807; died March 14, 1807 aged 1 year, 9 months.
- 2 Miranda<sup>7</sup>, born March 1, 1809; died March 2, 1810, aged 1 year, 3 days.
- 174-3 Albert<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 11, 1812; married Lucelia Weston Cooley, who was born May 29, 1820. She died in Athol, June 21, 1890, her husband having died sometime before her.
- 175-4 Seth<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 22, 1815; married March 23, 1840 (1st.) Fanny V. Doane (2nd.) about 1866? Diana Kendrick, born Nov. 23, 1824.
- 176-5 Amelia<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married March 26, 1844 Alfred J. Carruth.

90-Sally Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 23, 1785; married June 24, 1811 Clark Hildreth of Petersham, Mass., who was born May 11, 1784, a son of John and Elizabeth Hildreth. She died Dec. 6, 1840 aged 55 and he on Dec. 5, 1846 aged 62 years.

Their children were:-

- 1 Elvira<sup>7</sup>, born July 1, 1811; married ----- Piper.
- 2 Louisa<sup>7</sup>, born March 28, 1816; married a Mr. Carruth. Louisa must have died prior to 1846 since in the administration papers of her father's estate it is said that there was only one daughter living in Illinois.

Copy of a letter written to Clark Hildreth from his daughter Elvira Piper in very beautiful handwriting.

Canton, Jan. 29, 1846

Dear Father

I set down this evening to write a few lines to you. I received your letter last week Tuesday, we are all well. Now I think you had better come out here as soon as you can, for you would enjoy yourself very well and see the country. I think you had better come by way of the rivers. Go to New York, from there to Philadelphia and then to Pittsburg and then go down the Ohio river around to St. Louis and then come up the Illinois river to Coppers Creek and there you will find teams which are coming to Canton every day which is ten miles from us to Coppers Creek. I think you had better come this way. Let your farm for two years, for we shall not let you go back short of that time. Start as soon as two or three weeks certain for the children can wait no longer. They have a pipe and tobacco already for you



to smoke. Clark says "grandpa don't you go off the boat for you will get left behind.

Now concerning the things I should like to have you bring. I should like 25 No.4 palmleaf and 25 No.3, get some good ones. Some Ioushong tea, 6 or 8 pounds of it, for it is all green tea here. Now the things that you have that I should like to have you fetch, one of the beds, with some of your bedclothes for you and Clark to sleep on. Take the pudding and sauce dishes and the pitcher that I left and put them in the bed. If you have any old cheese or dried apple fetch it with you for it brings 12 cents a pound here. If you have any other things or notions that you can see around bring them for it will not cost you much to bring them. I should like to have you bring that traveling basket which Mrs. Johnson was so 'fraid that I should have. See where that silver card is, and bring it if you want to, or anything else, you can carry them back once more. If you see anything of the children's that you think that they would like some of the books and them seates they left it would please them very much to see them or anything of mine that I left. Bring everything that you can think of. Fetch a box or two of country mustard, some red eyed beans to plant, some peas, etc. If Mr. Piper's chest is not sold he wants you to take the inside all out and you can put your things in that, put a lock on it and bring that. And you have got other boxes that will hold. Put a waybill on your boxes marked, Clark Hildreth, Canton, Fulton County, Illinois. Nail them on to one end. Wear your old hat and old clothes to ride in, keep your money out of sight, put your money in your watch pocket and pin it. Don't have more than a dollar about at a time, your pocket book lock up, and keep a good lookout for your things.

Mr. Piper would like to have John come with you if he will. He wants two more hands to work with him, perhaps Darius Skinner will come, go and see if he will, Mr. Piper will pay them more than they can get out there. You can come now as well as any time. If you don't come till the last of May or the first of June, come by way of the lakes, but I shall hear from you before that time, and will write where to go. Get someone to come with you if you can for it is a long journey to go alone. Please write me a letter when you shall start, so that I shall know when to look for you. It will take about three weeks to come the same as it did for me. The children all send their love to Grandpa and say do come now for it will make you sick to come on the lakes. Mr. Piper wants you should fetch his bit and screw and square thread which is in the bench in the woodhouse, Samuel will know it. If you come have your Barre papers sent here, for we have a paper from Worcester every week. Give my love to all inquiring friends if any there is. Get Elisa and Electa to pack your things, they will know my dishes and your things what you will want to fetch. Pack them tight as you can. Do not fail of coming Father for I think you will enjoy yourself here. I have peach and plum currants in the garden where I live.

Another section is apparently intended for her cousins in Peter-sham.

Good Evening Cousin Elisa and how is your health this New Year? I should like to have you come and make me a visit this summer



if convenient, and your mother or any of you. I have not much news to write. Sarah says Elisa went with her to see Grandma Piper. She says I must tell you what a New Years present she had. A goose and two chickens already dressed. Little Willie Brown sent them to her, they live two miles from us. They are after her every little while, and she goes up there and stays a week at a time. They have three large girls, who make a dear baby of her. She says she wants to see Elisa and Polly as she calls her. Edmond is a rogue. He likes his father as well as Sarah ever did. Winslow, Louisa and Clark go to school. They enjoy themselves very much and send their love to you all. Aunt Polly, Mary, Samuel Powers, my love to the same. Tell Eunice and Aunt Polly I am just as ugly as ever. I wish they lived where I could send them some milk, for I have given away pail-fuls this winter. I make all my own butter. I am tired of writing. Give my love to Mr. Peckham's family. Tell Mr. Simmons family we are all well and should like to have them write to us. My love to Mrs. Thayer and ask her if she has had the bolster pulled away from her lately. The children all send their love to her children and say, Martha Ann and Mary Ann send them a letter and kiss the baby for them. Winslow, Louisa, and Clark send their love to all the little boys and girls and tell them they are very much pleased with the papers they have received from them and hope they will continue to send them. Aunt Polly write me a letter if you care anything about me. I must bid you good night. Elvira.

On the side of this letter to Cousin Elisa a sentence runs lengthwise along the margin and reads as follows.

"Have father come as soon as you can. One thing more, have you heard anything from Gilbert Simmons since I left.

On the top inside page of this letter which is folded is penned on the margin.

Elisa you have not sent me one word about your minister there, and what his name is, but I guess it is cute. I read in the Worcester paper the Dedication at Barre, give my love to Daniel and Somantha. Tell Mary Hildreth to write to Winslow and Louisa, the rest next time.

Postmarked Canton, Illinois January 30th.

It is thought that Clark never went to Canton for he died about a year later it will be noticed.

91-Lucretia Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 7, 1787; married Sept. 26, 1813 Justus Woods, a schoolteacher. Justus was reputed to be a man of great intelligence and far ahead of his time in many respects. Town meetings were sometimes held at the Woods house as will be noted in reading the Centennial Address under Joel Amsden, (page 29-30). His home was on the plain, between North Dana and Dana Center. This was soon after the incorporation of the town which occurred in 1801. In



1819 at a town meeting held at the house of Justus Woods there was an article in the warrant to see if the town would provide a workhouse, indicating what would now be termed an almshouse or town farm. This article was rejected. It is understood that at one time Justus had the postoffice and thought that the place where his home stood on the plain should be made the center of the town, since it lies about midway between the sites of the two present villages, and he was greatly angered when he found that this was not to be, and refused to be buried in the Dana Cemetery, but stipulated that he be buried under one of the large maples on his place. His wishes were of course carried out, however some of his descendants have had the body moved to the Dana Cemetery, thinking that his resentment had probably cooled sufficiently to permit the change. Justus was the son of Benjamin and Cynthia Woods, and was born June 13, 1783. He died Nov. 3, 1846, his wife Lucretia died March 12, 1869. Their children were as follows:-

- 1 Pamelia<sup>7</sup>, born 1815; married Lars Hjortsberg, born in Stockholm, Sweden. After coming to America the spelling was changed to Lasse Hjousberry, the H remaining silent. Their place of residence was Brooklyn, N.Y. Lasse's father had a position in the Royal Theatre in Stockholm and one night while there he (Lasse) noticed a rather shabbily dressed girl without a cloak and a bitterly cold night. Her fine appearance arrested his attention and he let her have his cloak to wear home. For this little act of kindness she was always very grateful and wanted to show her appreciation in some way. Later on he came to America met Pamelia, and settled down. A while after this woman now very famous came to this country bringing with her Lasse's brother Marx whom she had engaged as her private secretary. This was none other than Jenny Lind, famous Swedish singer.
- 2 Varilla Frances<sup>7</sup>, born 1816; married Jan. 18, 1838 Timothy Stone of Dana; died 1892.
- 3 Zabinda Maria<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Asa<sup>7</sup> Ellis, who kept a store in Dana Center. *Zabinda b. 6-7-1818 m. 10-4-1843; d. 10-12-1861*
- 4 Orsimus Franklin<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Ann Kirk.
- 5 Justus Osman<sup>7</sup>, born 1822-23; married (1st.) 1859 Maria Baker and (2nd.) 1882 -----. He always went by the name of Osman was a student, traveler, teacher and philosopher. A very fine letter from him is to be read in the New Salem Reunion Banner of 1895.
- 6 Charles Orestus<sup>7</sup>, born -----; died in childhood.
- 7 Sarah<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Charles Church of New Bedford, Mass.
- 8 Lucinda<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Artemus Baker and lived in Keene, N.H.
- 9 Oscar<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Sophia Comee.

92-Jacob Amsden Jr.<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 28, 1789; married Sept. 13, 1812 Lyndia Hoskins of Dana, who was born June 4, 1794. Jacob and his family lived on a farm situated in what has been known as Doubleday Village in later



years. This village was situated easterly a mile or more from the main road, which ran between North Dana and Dana Center, the juncture of the two roads or four corners were on the plain by a brick schoolhouse on a little knoll and only a short distance from the Justus Woods place.

After Jacob's death his eldest son Massena as administrator of the estate describes it thusly:- "The property consists of about 160 acres of land well proportioned into mowing, tillage, pasturage and woodland, well watered and fenced, with a large and elegant brick house, a sixty foot barn and outbuildings, also a brickyard, and water privileges with a sawmill on the same, also a piece of land  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from said farm on the plain of about 11 acres". It is said by Frank Whitney now (1934) who is 86 years old, and who once owned the property that grain was also ground on the place. I have personally been over the place which is fairly extensive for Massachusetts. The brick house is in a good state of preservation and it is said to be the best built house in Dana. The dam has broken down and the water all run out but enough falls over the rocks to make a very pretty water fall, and below these falls is a gorge and foundations for the mill are to be seen.

It is assumed that Jacob made the brickyard largely in order to build his house. I distinctly remember my grandmother telling me that he built the two brick schoolhouses in Dana, the one above alluded to and still another where she went to school as a girl in Doubleday Village, directly opposite the home of Augustus Skinner, and not far from the Jairus Williams place, and this would seem to be reasonably true as there is no other brickyard in the town even today. It has also been said that Jacob was a most excellent farmer.

Jacob was drowned in his own pond Aug. 28, 1843, the boat from which he was fishing having evidently overturned. By another account he was drowned in the North Dana pond where at one time Rollin Doubleday had a mill.

Seth Williams Jr. Reuben Sibley, and John Gleason were appointed appraisers of the estate, and the farm was sold at auction to Jacob's son Festus F. Amsden shortly after his death. Later it was bought by Joseph Elkanah Doubleday, and this is probably the reason that this section became known as Doubleday Village. Lyndia died June 12, 1844 aged 50 years. They had six children, Charles Elliot dying shortly before his father of pneumonia. On Dec. 21, 1843 Washington H. and Joel F. Amsden the two youngest sons of Jacob appeared before Jared Weed Esq. Justice, and made choice of Joseph Doubleday as their guardian as they were minors. Children of Jacob and Lyndia (Hoskins) Amsden:-

1 Charles Elliot<sup>7</sup>, born Wed. June 30, 1813; married Jan. 1, 1840 Diantha C. Peabody. He died Jan. 2, 1843 aged 29 years. She married (intentions, Dec. 8, 1845) David L. Peabody.

177-2 Massena<sup>7</sup>, born Sat. Sept. 16, 1815; married April 11, 1833 Dulcena Sherman.

178-3 Warren Hoskins<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 30, 1817; married April 4, 1844 Lois Sarepta Maynard.



179-4 Festus Felton<sup>7</sup>, born Tues. Dec. 4, 1821; married April 29, 1845 Mary Lane Battle.

180-5 Washington H.<sup>7</sup>, born Tues. April 19, 1825; married Nov. 23, 1846 Chloe Ann Gates.

181-6 Joel Franklin<sup>7</sup>, born Sat. April 21, 1827; married July 4, 1849 Sarah E. White.

93-Burrell Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 24, 1791; married Nov. 25, 1813 Abigail Town. He had a home atop Skinner Hill, just a short distance from sister Lydia. He was the tax collector of Dana, had charge of the pound, and the powder house was located on his property. It would appear that he married a second time Mary -----; all children excepting Ellen M. were by the first wife. He died in Dana, Mass. June 2, 1862. She, the first wife died May 13, 1841 aged 47 years.

Children:-

1 Mary<sup>7</sup>, born about 1814; married March 28, 1839 Benjamin Butterfield of Petersham. She died Sept. 9, 1851 aged 37.

2 Sarah Ann<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Dec. 9, 1835 Alvin Tolman.

182-3 Burrill Clinton<sup>7</sup>, born May 15, 1823; married Emily Rose.

4 Louisa<sup>7</sup>, born in 1818; died Oct. 22, 1837 aged 18 years, 1 month, 9 days old.

5 Clarissa<sup>7</sup>, born -----; married Nov. 18, 1844 Elbridge Sibley.

183-6 Edwin<sup>7</sup>, born May 3, 1833; married (1st.) June 17, 1855 Julia M. Priest. She died and he married (2nd.) Feb. 22, 1888 Cleora A. Pierce.

7 Ellen M.<sup>7</sup>, born 1836; married Jan. 1, 1857 George W. Chamberlain.

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94-Daniel Howe Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 27, 1793; married July 7, 1814 Anna L. Peckham of Petersham. He died July 6, 1821. On Aug. 8, 1832 Hubbard Peckham petitions the Probate Court for the guardianship of Lucinda, Lauriston and Ellis P. Amsden all above the age of fourteen. He states that they are entitled to one eighth part of land situated in the north part of Dana containing about 65 acres of land and two dwellings and mills thereon. It is advised to sell and place the money on interest for them. on April 3, 1833 Hubbard Peckham, Clark Hildreth and Jonathan Simmonds bind themselves to make a true inventory and look after the rights of Daniel's children. Daniel's wife Anna L. Married (2nd.) June 13, 1837 Samuel Whitney Jr. of Brimfield, Mass.

Children of Daniel by wife Anna:-

184-1 Lauriston<sup>7</sup>, born May 6, 1815; married Jan. 17, 1837 Nancy Bosworth.

185-2 Ellis P.<sup>7</sup>, born May 21, 1817; married March 7, 1837 Clarissa Vaughan.

3 Lucinda<sup>7</sup>, born Jan. 31, 1820; married Oct. 10, 1840 Nelson Bosworth.

4 Cordelia H.<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 16, 1821; died Nov. 24, 1822 aged 11 months, 8 days old.



96-Robbard Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 25, 1797; married April 15, 1818 Abigail Rickey, a daughter of Samuel and Abigail Rickey of Dana, Mass. Robbard is reported to have been in the habit of wanting to go fishing on Sundays the only day of rest that he probably had. For about a year he was made tything man and on this account he was forced to stop his fishing and go to church. It is presumed that he resumed his former habits when the restrictions were removed. Robbard lived in what was later known as the Levi Stevens house at North Dana. He died March 16, 1874 aged 74 years 19 days old, being killed by their cow, who was a very cross animal. He was not generally in the habit of milking this cow, his wife doing the milking as she was the only one who could manage the animal. His wife died Jan. 19, 1882 aged 85. Their children were as follows.

- 1 Nelson<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Laura Ann<sup>7</sup>, born -----.
- 186-3 Daniel R.<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 21, 1822; married March 25, 1850 Lucretia Aldrich.
- 187-4 Alexander<sup>7</sup>, born June 30, 1830; married Dec. 6, 1856 Ellen M. Tolman.

97-Lydia Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 1, 1800; married Dec. 26, 1821 Ahira Skinner, a son of Benjamin and Lois (Lane) Skinner of Dana. She and her husband lived in the large farmhouse half way up Skinner Hill, midway between North Dana and Dana Center. At the top of the hill was the house of her brother Burrell and in the other direction was the home of sister Lucretia Woods. The large weatherbeaten house and barn will soon be torn down for the Metropolitan Water Supply Commission of Boston, which is making over this section into the basin for a reservoir. This section will include the homes of all the Dana Amsdens. A photograph in the possession of the author shows a very kindly woman in the person of Lydia, and it is reported that they lived a very happy life together. Toward the last of his life Ahira became blind and took to smoking a pipe, which was not one of the habits he was addicted to in former life. It is said that one Fall day he was husking corn in the barn and had been smoking as usual, resulting in the pipe bowl turning over. This set some of the dry husks afire. A neighbor coming by noticed him with the corn husks all ablaze in the situation above mentioned and with speed extinguished the blaze. This incident did not cure the smoking habit until he set his vest afire. After that he never smoked again. His wife died first Dec. 14, 1873 and he followed her Jan. 24, 1877 just twenty minutes before his son Darius who was killed by the fall of a limb, which crushed his skull, while chopping wood for his father, which he was unused to being a cabinet maker by trade. The children of Ahira and Lydia are as follows:-

- 1 Ursula<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 18, 1822; married Sept. 30, 1845 Lyman Towne.
- 2 Darius<sup>7</sup>, born June 29, 1824; married March 30, 1847 Candace Jenckes.
- 3 Sardius<sup>7</sup>, born April 20, 1826; married Sept. 11, 1851 Clarissa Sally Strong.
- 4 Roseanna<sup>7</sup>, born March 8, 1828 at Dana; married Sept. 11, 1851 Alanson Towne.



5 Luenza<sup>7</sup>, born March 15, 1830; married May 4, 1854 Isaac Sylvester Goodnow.

6 Augustus<sup>7</sup>, born July 17, 1832; married Dec. 9, 1857 at Peterham, Mass. Laura Amsden.

98-Lauriston Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Dana, Mass. April 6, 1800; married in Middlebury, Vt. Oct. 25, 1827 Nancy Sumner, a daughter of William B. Sumner. She was a sister of Charles Sumner, prominent lawyer, United States Senator from Mass. in 1851-74, an advocate of freedom for the slaves and one of the founders of the Free Soil Party in 1848. In 1828 they moved to Malone, N.Y. where Lauriston was the first druggist. She died at Malone Dec. 27, 1862, and he died there Nov. 18, 1868. They are buried in Morningside Cemetery at Malone.

Children:-

1 Elsie Alzena<sup>7</sup>, born in Malone, Dec. 1, 1828; died May 6, 1843.

188-2 James Sumner<sup>7</sup>, born in Malone, May 18, 1830; died Feb. 27, 1897

3 William Floyd<sup>7</sup>, born in Malone, Sept. 2, 1835; died Dec. 5, 1872.

99-Charles Massena Amsden<sup>6</sup>, (Joel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born ----; married Jan. 5, 1841 Lucy A. Wood at Malone, N.Y. She died 1884.

Children:-

1 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born ----; married H. McBride.

2 Daughter<sup>7</sup>, born ----; married ----; died aged 16 months.

100-Beaman Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ellihue<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born about 1816 in East Gainsville, N.Y. He was named after a Beaman Brockway and did not bear the family resemblance, according to his sister. The oldest child of Ellihue and Sarah (Bishop) Amsden. He lived for a while in Fremont, Ohio. He was a surveyor it is said by his wife in her letter which will be found under Isaac Amsden page 18. He was twice married.

Children by the first wife:-

1 Mrs. Ball of Dakota.

2 Mrs. Sarah Gage of Bolivia, N.Y.

By second wife:- Six children, one of them Charles Heath Amsden a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and who died in 1887.

102-Sophia T. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Hardwick, Mass. Jan. 19, 1819; married George Converse, rather of the sporty type, enjoying a life of ease so far as possible. They journeyed Westward to seek a fortune. At one time she managed a mining camp, and the men were loyal to her commands. Was living in Chicago at the time of the great



fire. Her experiences in the dugout and mining camp were very interesting. She is thought by one of her nieces to have had four children, there was only one son George, who became a wheat speculator. At this time I have nothing further regarding this family.

103-Almira Marilla Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Hardwick, Mass. -----; married Amos C. Allen. Settled in West Brookfield, Mass. Mr. Allen was a Forty Niner to the California gold fields. She died in 1874.

Children:-

- 1 Henry Alanson<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Emma<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

104-Ansel White Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 21, 1822 in Hardwick, Mass., married Sept. 12, 1848 at Ware, Mass. Margaret Anna Harmon, who was born Oct. 24, 1828 in St. John's, New Brunswick. He learned his trade of Boot and Shoe maker from his father Ephraim. The business was carried on at Boston with his uncle Joel Amsden. He became an expert workman, was slow and painstaking, but very exact. He often received twelve and fifteen dollars for a pair of wedding boots. The would-be-groom had to make up his mind early so that Ansel could have plenty of time to fashion the job to his satisfaction. He took the skin from the calf's back, and the long legged boots with the fancy leather tops were the result. Both Ansel and his wife died in West Brookfield, Mass., she on April 6, 1893 and he Oct. 31, 1902.

Children:-

- 1 Sarah Amory<sup>8</sup>, born June 16, 1849 in New Braintree, Mass. died in infancy of diphteria Jan. 30, 1851 at Warren, Mass.
- 189-2 Thomas Ephraim<sup>8</sup>, born at West Warren, Mass. Nov. 30, 1851; married July 28, 1881 Addie Palmerle Tucker.
- 3 George Henry<sup>8</sup>, born -----; died young.
- 4 Etta Almira<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 16, 1860 at West Brookfield, unmarried.
- 5 Fanny Julia<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 8, 1864 unmarried.

105-Frederick Mortimer Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Ware, Mass. March 7, 1839; married May 14, 1866 Lydia A. Thompson, who was born in Thetford, Vt. April 25, 1847.

Children:-

- 1 Florence B.<sup>8</sup>, born in West Brookfield, Mass. June 18, 1867.
- 2 Isabel<sup>8</sup>, born in West Brookfield, Mass. June 17, 1869.
- 3 Fred L.<sup>8</sup>, born in West Brookfield, Mass. Aug. 23, 1871.
- 4 Delbert F.<sup>8</sup>, born in North Brookfield, Mass. Feb. 4, 1874.
- 5 Evelyn B.<sup>8</sup>, born in North Brookfield, Mass. April 25, 1876.
- 6 A child<sup>8</sup>, born in North Brookfield, Mass. June 29, 1882.



106-Charles William Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass. June 29, 1820; married Dec. 14, 1842 Lucy Jane Barnes of Hardwick, Mass., who was born Nov. 13, 1823. They lived on the corner of James and Kendall Sts. Barre, Mass. The children all born in Barre, Mass. as follows:-

- 1 George Edward<sup>8</sup>, born March 19, 1843; died Aug. 10, 1845.
- 2 Mary L.<sup>8</sup>, born 1845; died Jan. 1, 1879 aged 34 years.
- 190-3 William Charles<sup>8</sup>, born May 3, 1847; married Margaret McGowan, who was born in Ireland.
- 4 George Edward<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 5, 1849; died the next day.
- 191-5 Frank E.<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 31, 1854; married May 13, 1879 Len- nie E. Whitmore. He died April 28, 1929.
- 6 Carrie W.<sup>8</sup>, born June 15, 1856; died Sept. 27, 1854.
- 7 Walter E.<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 9, 1858; died Oct. 3, 1859.

107-Samuel H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 16, 1823; married April 28, 1860 Louisa H. Sleeper. Samuel was a Congregational minister in New Salem, Mass. He is mentioned as living in Wilmott, N.H. and it is thought that he died there. They had no children.

108-Orin Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 22, 1828; married Nov. 27, 1850 Laura Thankful Vaughan, a daughter of Jacob and Lucinda (Felton) Vaughan of New Salem, Mass. Laura died March 1, 1880 aged 48 years, 2 months, and 15 days old. Orin lived on his father's place, located in southwest Petersham at Hodges Four Corners, and near the old Monson Turnpike. He married (2nd.) Agnes Bunting of East Templeton, Mass. Herewith is reprinted the obituary taken from the Gardner Journal

Oren Amsden whose sickness has been mentioned in our columns, died at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, aged 72 years, Mr. Amsden was a well known man in this vicinity. He was born in Petersham, Jan. 22, 1828, was married to Laura Thankful Vaughan of New Salem Nov. 24, 1850. Four children were born of this union, one dying in infancy. His wife died March 12, 1880, and about 18 years ago he married Agnes Bunting, an East Templeton lady, daughter of Robert McGowan. Mr. Amsden has been a farmer most of his life. He moved from Woodstock, Ct. about ten years ago. He leaves a widow and three children, Geo. A. Amsden of Lowell; Frank of Williams-ville; Mrs. Sarah D. Chisholm of Stafford Springs, Ct. He also leaves two brothers and sisters, Nelson Amsden of Newton Highlands; Horace Amsden of Littleton; Mrs. James Rider of Lawrence; Mrs. Laura Skinner of Petersham.- Gardner Journal.

Orin died June 6, 1900. Children as follows:-

- 1 Albert O.<sup>8</sup>, born June 21, 1852; died April 8, 1855 aged 2 years, 9 months, 17 days old.
- 192-2 George Albert<sup>8</sup>, born July 4, 1859; married in 1878 Cora Estelle Thompson, who was his own cousin.



193-3 Frank<sup>8</sup>, born July 30, 1864 in Athol, Mass.; married Dec. 1893 Hattie Gertrude Harris of Williamsville, Mass.  
 194-4 Sarah Daisy<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 27, 1870; married Dec. 1893 David Ellery Chisholm. (Chisholm)

109-Nelson Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 16, 1830 in Petersham, Mass., married Oct. 11, 1854, Sarah Frances Gleason at Halifax, Vt. He was a blacksmith and lived in Hardwick, Mass. He died Dec. 22, 1915, and his wife Sarah died Aug. 1, 1912. Nelson lived for a time in southwest Petersham, where Miss Laura Amsden now has a camp.

Children:-

194A-1 Ella Janette<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 24, 1856; married Dec. 27, 1876 Joseph Avery Manning of Worcester, Mass.  
 2 Nelson Willis<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 19, 1862; married Dec. 17, 1890 Mary Mixter Ruggles of Hardwick, Mass.

110-Horace Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 13, 1834; married Nov. 19, 1865 Clarissa F. Vaughan who was the wife of Ellis P. Amsden. Clarissa died Sept. 3, 1881 aged 60 years, 11 months, 3 days. No issue.

111-Laura Ann Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 23, 1837; married Dec. 9, 1858 Augustus Skinner of Dana, Mass., who was born July 17, 1832, a son of Ahira and Lydia (Amsden) Skinner.

Children:-

1 Edward Washington<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 15, 1860 at Boston, Mass.  
 2 Everett A.<sup>8</sup>, born July 1, 1877 at North Dana, Mass.

112-Jonas Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 22, 1809; married Nov. 22, 1836 Minerva Sherwin, who was born Feb. 25, 1814.

Children:-

1 Octavius R.<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 16, 1837; died April 4, 1838.  
 2 Solon V.<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 20, 1839; married Nancy Harris.  
 3 Marcus<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 24, 1841; married Lucy Winch.  
 4 Frank H.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 27, 1844; married Lizzie Spaulding.  
 5 Leroy C.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 30, 1845; married Jennie Forrester.  
 6 Fayette M.<sup>8</sup>, born March 16, 1848; married Clara Baker.  
 7 James M.<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1850; married Dasie Farwell.  
 8 Lucy M.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 4, 1852.  
 9 Edward F.<sup>8</sup>, born ----; died Nov. 1, 1879.



113-Arba L. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>)  
born June 13, 1816; married Aug. 16, 1847 Joanna W. Bulow. Res.  
was South Londonderry, Vt. in 1884.

Children:-

- 1 Sidney L.<sup>8</sup>, born July 2, 1848; married Maria J. Grimes.
- 2 Edgar W.<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 20, 1850. moved to Cleveland, O.
- 3 Hattie E.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 7, 1852; married Alfred C. Bigelow.  
No issue.
- 4 Nellie M.<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 27, 1854; married June 8, 1881 Jerry  
Davis, settled in Lee, Mass. No issue.
- 5 Clara A.<sup>8</sup>, born June 8, 1858; died June 26, 1859.
- 6 Arba Randall<sup>8</sup>, born June 29, 1860; he married (2nd.) a Wiggins  
of Andover, Vt.
- 7 Harvey B.<sup>8</sup>, born June 13, 1863. ; unmarried.
- 8 Mary B.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 7, 1867; married Ransom Rhodes.
- 9 Clara L.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 9, 1869; (1st.) an Edson, (2nd.) a Beebee.
- 10 Fred W.<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 1, 1873; moved to Texas.

113A-John L. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>)  
born July 22, 1824; married March 21, 1849 Elizabeth Puffer, who  
was born in 1830.

Children:-

- 1 Chester L.<sup>8</sup>, born April 19, 1850; married April 4, 1875 Hattie  
W. Sanders. No issue.
- 2 Corridon R.<sup>8</sup>, born April 12, 1852; married Ellen S. Rawson,  
Nov. 4, 1874.
- 3 Ranallah B.<sup>8</sup>, born April 7, 1854; died Nov. 30, 1859.
- 4 Lizzie M.<sup>8</sup>, born June 7, 1856.
- 5 Rosa M.<sup>8</sup>, born July 30, 1869.

114-William C. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Hollis<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>,  
Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 7, 1806; he died Nov. 1883.

Children:-

- 1 William<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Mary<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

115-George G. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Hollis<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>,  
Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 24, 1815; died Aug. 22, 1870.

Children:-

- 1 Charles G.<sup>8</sup>, born May 30, 1842.
- 2 Arthur<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 George H.<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 4 Alice<sup>8</sup>, born -----.



116-Timothy Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Hollis<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug.10, 1818; married Dec.24, 1840 Martha C. Hills. Their place of residence being Wilford, N.H.

Children:-

- 1 Martha A.<sup>8</sup>, born June 1, 1841; died Sept.10,1841.
- 2 Eugene R.<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.1, 1842; died Sept.5, 1862 in U.S. Army.
- 3 Abby Frances<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.24, 1845.
- 4 John F.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov.2, 1848.
- 5 Mary Ellen<sup>8</sup>, born July 5, 1852.
- 6 Fred F.<sup>8</sup>, born May 29, 1855.

117-Elbridge H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Hollis<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 22, 1821.

Child:-

- 1 Frank<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

118-Hubbard R. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Hollis<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 27, 1824.

Children:-

- 1 Hattie E.<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.8, 1849.
- 2 Charles E.<sup>8</sup>, born April 23, 1856; died Aug.26, 1856.

119-Henry Hubbard Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Hubbard<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Mason, N.H. -----; married Aug.6, 1840 Mary Muzzey. He died at Fisherville Dec.6, 1869.

Children:-

- 1 Charles H.<sup>8</sup>, born May 20, 1846; died Oct.29, 1847.
- 2 George H.<sup>8</sup>, born July 7, 1847; died Jan.16, 1892.
- 3 Charles H.<sup>8</sup>, born July 8, 1848.
- 4 Edward<sup>8</sup>, born Dec.10, 1853; died June 9, 1858.

120-Lee Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (William<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Southboro, Mass. Aug.15, 1807; married May 26, 1830 Lucretia Howe of Lunenburg, Vt. at Boston, Mass. She was born in 1806. He died 1890 or 91.

Children as follows:-

- 1 Susan E.<sup>8</sup>, born in Bolton, June 1, 1831.
- 2 Martha L.<sup>8</sup>, born in Dedham Dec.22, 1833.
- 3 Maria V.<sup>8</sup>, born in Dedham Feb.22, 1836; died June 25, 1881.
- 4 Sophia V.<sup>8</sup>, born in Dedham Feb.22, 1836; (Twin with Maria) married Feb.21, 1861 Alvin L. Lovejoy.
- 5 Nelson<sup>8</sup>, born in Dedham Aug.11, 1838; married Nov.17, 1869 at



Boston, Mass. Mary A. Armstrong.  
6 Walter F.<sup>8</sup>, born in Boston July 18, 1849.

121-Hartwell Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Silas<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Southboro, Mass. Jan. 16, 1821; married Harriet Danforth. He died in Feb. 1881.

Children:-

- 1 Alonzo<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Harriet Adams.
- 2 Ida<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Frank Hill of North Brookfield, Mass.

122-Susan Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Abram<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 24, 1811; married Lysander Woodworth, who was born in Unionville, Lake county, Ohio.

Their children were:-

- 1 Cynthia<sup>8</sup>, born at Unionville, O., married Eli Doty; res. Braidwood, Ill.
- 2 Homer J.<sup>8</sup>, born in Unionville, O.; died in 1861 unmarried. He was aged about 22 when he died.

123-Cynthia Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Abram<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Stowe, Vt. Feb. 22, 1814; married Barzilia Beckwith at Saybrook, Ohio. They resided at Saybrook, Ohio and Monmouth, Ill. She eventually removed to Chicago and lived with her daughters.

Children:-

- 1 Olive<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married a Mr. Sterner of Monmouth, Ill.
- 2 Henry C.<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married -----; had several children, and died in Eureka, California Jan. 17, 1902.
- 3 Mary E.<sup>8</sup>, born in Monmouth, Ill. lived in Chicago, unmarried.
- 4 Emily<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married a Mr. Meek who was a lawyer and settled in Chicago.

124-Emily Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Abram<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Stowe, Vt. June 17, 1816; married March 28, 1838 Charles Cummings of Saybrook, Ohio. They soon moved to Monmouth, Ill. She died at Monmouth, Ill. Aug. 14, 1851.

Children:-

- 1 Henry Harrison<sup>8</sup>, born at Monmouth, Ill. Dec. 1, 1840; married at Rome, N.Y. April 17, 1867 Charlotte Sink.
- 2 Lucy Mehitable<sup>8</sup>, born at Monmouth, Ill. July 22, 1844; married Feb. 15, 1872 James Boyce of Willoughby, Ohio.



125-Abel Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Abram<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Stowe, Vt. Dec.14, 1819; he died Sept.22, 1841, of a fever while in charge of a trading post among the Indians in the present State of Iowa. Unmarried.

126-Elisha Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Abram<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct.14, 1828; married a woman of Abington, Knox county, Ill. They moved to Humbolt, Kansas. He was an enterprising and capable man. He built a railroad, mills, etc. in the State of Kansas, but died before realizing the fruits of his enterprise. Elisha the son went to Mexico, and not being heard from his friends feared that he was dead.

Children:-

- 1 | Ella<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married a lawyer.
- 2 | Elisha<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

127-Philo C. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Mary Hubbard in 1839. They lived at Jefferson, Ohio. He was a carriage maker by trade. He held the office of Constable for 21 years, and Deputy Sheriff 12 years. They died without issue.

128-Samuel C. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, O. June 23, 1822; married Oct.27, 1844 Clarissa Hubbard of Jefferson, Ohio, who was born at Cherry Valley, O. July 28, 1820. He died at Jefferson, O. Feb.18, 1899 aged 77 years, and she died there March 13, 1870 aged 50 years.

Children:-

- 1 | Theresa J.<sup>8</sup>, born at Ashtabula, Ohio Dec.30, 1845; married Richmond Wescott at Geneva, Pa.

All the following children of Samuel C. Amsden were born in Jefferson, Ohio.

- 2 | Edward F.<sup>8</sup>, born March 20, 1847; married Ellen Ross at Jefferson, Ohio.
- 3 | Arthur E.<sup>8</sup>, born Feb.17, 1849; married Julia Wescott at Geneva, Pa.
- 4 | Amelia Ann<sup>8</sup>, born Feb.8, 1851; married George Clark at Geneva.
- 5 | Philo C.<sup>8</sup>, born March 14, 1853; married Josephine Smith at Dorset, Ohio.
- 6 | Asa N.<sup>8</sup>, born March 7, 1855; married Margaret Brooks at Geneva, Pa.
- 7 | Merry L.<sup>8</sup>, born June 18, 1857; married George Wood at Geneva.
- 8 | Samuel U.<sup>8</sup>, born June 9, 1859; died July 10, 1859.
- 9 | Samuel Riley<sup>8</sup>, born Sept.1, 1860; married Nettie D. Gochneur at Lenox, May 31, 1883.
- 10 | Lucy R.<sup>8</sup>, born April 10, 1864; died Aug.18, 1871 aged 7 years.



129-Delia Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Riley Lockwood.

Children:-

- 1 Quincy<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Philo<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Benjamin<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 4 Levant<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 5 Levanche<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Austin Davis and William Savage.
- 6 Nellie<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married George Masterman and Major Fox.

130-Laura A. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Stowe, Vt. March 21, 1823; married Feb. 28, 1842 Samuel Ward at Ashtabula, O. He was born at Tolland, Ct Jan. 27, 1817, a son of Obadiah and Ann M. (Chadwick) Ward. He was an architect and carpenter contractor. They lived at Plymouth and Ashtabula, Ohio and in 1862 moved to Geneva, Ohio. He died at Geneva, Ohio Aug. 2, 1873 aged 56 years, and she died there Jan. 19, 1878 aged 55 years.

Children:-

- 1 Anna Maria<sup>8</sup>, born in Plymouth, O. Feb. 11, 1844; married William S. Sumner at Geneva, O. Jan. 27, 1897.
- 2 William Homer<sup>8</sup>, born in Plymouth, O. Aug. 28, 1849; married at Geneva, Ohio Sept. 21, 1872 Matilda Stephens.

131-George Washington Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Stowe, Vt. June 25, 1826, married Nov. 30, 1851 Emily A. Newell at Ashtabula, Ohio, who was born in Ashtabula Nov. 25, 1828, a daughter of Harvey and Mary (Blakeslee) Newell. He was a carpenter by trade and a farmer by occupation. They lived in Ashtabula Township on the South Ridge road about three miles east of Ashtabula, where he died Dec. 6, 1894 aged 69 years. She died at Ashtabula, Ohio Oct. 22, 1894 aged 66 years.

Their children were:-

- 195-1 George Albert<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 16, 1855; married at Rock Creek, O. Nov. 16, 1898 Jesse Bond.
- 196-2 Mary Abigail<sup>8</sup>, born July 12, 1857; married June 11, 1884 Ethan C. Sawin at Ashtabula.

132-Eunice Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Stowe, Vt. Jan. 21, 1828; married at Jefferson, Ohio June 21, 1855 Artemus Bowker. He was born at Williston, Vt. Jan. 8, 1831, a son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Smith) Bowker. He was a carpenter and bridge builder by trade. Resided at Ashtabula, Ohio where he died Dec. 26, 1911 aged 80 years, and she died May 30, 1902 aged 74 years. Their child:-

- 1 Frank Webb<sup>8</sup>, born at Ashtabula, O. Sept. 28, 1862; married Mary M. (Abby) Randall.



133-Gilson H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio Sept. 30, 1831; married Mariam Tooley. They lived in St. Paul, Minn. where he died Oct. 10, 1855, aged 24 years.

Child:-

1 Ada<sup>8</sup>, born -----; at St. Paul where she died very young.

134-Edwin H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio March 24, 1834; married Dec. 28, 1854 Harriet Augusta Bidwell at Ashtabula, O. She was born at Ashtabula, Ohio Sept. 30, 1835, a daughter of Joseph C. and Pamelia Bidwell. He was a carpenter by trade, and farmer and painter by occupation. They lived on the South Ridge road about two miles east of Ashtabula until 1880, when they moved to town. He died at Detroit, Mich. May 2, 1917, aged 83 years, and she died at Ashtabula, O. June 10, 1889, aged 54 years.

Their children were:-

197-1 Ida Adell<sup>8</sup>, born at Ashtabula, O. May 14, 1859; married Seth Leonard and was divorced from him. Married (2nd.) June 7, 1887 Edward W. Smith at Erie, Pa.

198-2 Stanley Ellsworth<sup>8</sup>, born at Ashtabula, O. April 29, 1861; married at Cleveland, O. Nellie Nelson.

135-Austin Orlando Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio Jan. 9, 1836; married Mary Jane Dickinson at Ashtabula, Ohio Dec. 25, 1856. She was born at New Haven, Ct. Dec. 29, 1837, daughter of Moses and Julia Ann (Hubbard) Dickinson. Lived all his life in Ashtabula, Ohio, except 17 months in California where they went for her health. He was a watchmaker and jeweler by trade. He started in business in the year 1857. In 1859 he sold the business to his brother-in-law, George W. Dickinson, by whom he was employed until he went to California in 1874. Upon his return he was again employed by Mr. Dickinson. In 1877, he again embarked in business and was very successful, and later took a partner, James R. Harris. Upon Mr. Harris's death, the firm name was changed from Amsden & Harris to A.O. Amsden & Sons, Mr. Harrie's interests being taken by A.D. and L.A. Amsden. In 1899 L.A. sold his interest to A.D., and the business was carried on under the name of A.O. Amsden & Son until its sale in 1921. He died at Ashtabula, O. Feb. 13, 1912, aged 76 years, and she died Dec. 14, 1921, aged 84.

Their children were:-

1 Mary Elizabeth<sup>8</sup>, born June 30, 1860; married Nov. 3, 1886 Daniel B. Perry. Divorced. Married (2nd.) April 27, 1894 Charles P. Sawyer.

199-2 Lewis Austin<sup>8</sup>, born June 21, 1862; married May 27, 1891 Julia Ann Hubbard.



200-3 Arthur Dickinson<sup>8</sup>, born March 13, 1864; married June 14, 1893 Elizabeth J. Nettleton.

4 Frederic Henry<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 16, 1867; died July 21, 1885 at Ashtabula, Ohio of sunstroke.

201-5 George Samuel<sup>8</sup>, born May 7, 1870; married Sept. 12, 1907, Martha M. Adams at Fitchburg, Mass.

202-6 Julian Moses<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 5, 1876; married Sept. 20, 1900 at Indianapolis, Ind. Laura L. Gillett.

136-Lucius K. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, O. April 7, 1838; married Aug. 27, 1875 at Cleveland, Lydia E. Slater. He was a farmer and lived on the old homestead. He died at Ashtabula, O. April 6, 1902, aged 64 years. She died at Cleveland, Ohio Nov. 25, 1924 aged 81 years. Their children were:-

1 Ella<sup>8</sup>, born at Ashtabula Aug. 12, 1876; married Aug. 18, 1903 Charles McKenzie.

2 Guy<sup>8</sup>, born at Ashtabula Aug. 8, 1876; died Aug. 8, 1904. Unmarried.

137-Richard P. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Abel<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Laura Ann Buck of Scranton, Iowa. Children:-

1 Lucien<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

2 Francelia<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

3 Darwin? Viola<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

4 John<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

5 Lorenzo<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

6 Myra<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

7 Minnie<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

138-Alanson O. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married ----- Grant.

Child:-

1 Henry<sup>8</sup>, born -----; at Cavendish, Vt.

139-Alonzo Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Minerva Grant; died in 1822.

Child:-

1 Edgar<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

140-Alzamon D. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Harriet Felch; died Jan. 1866.

Children:-



(John George H) Napol Cos Upton - 1530 Perkins St. Lowell, Mass.  
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Children of Alanson D. and Nettie Beck

All born in Middleville, Vermont

1. La Roy D. born July 1842 Died Aug. 2, 1865 Wounded three times at the Wilderness.
2. William Elmer D. Aug. 24, 1842 Wounded three times at the Wilderness.
3. Gregory L. born Aug. 21, 1846. Died Aug 19, 1876
4. George J. born Feb. 15, 1848.
5. Emma A. born Dec. 19, 1851 Died June 6, 1866
6. Ella A.
7. Harris A. born Feb. 25, 1855. Died Mar. 19, 1881
8. Minnie M. born July 29, 1861 Died May 16, 1942 Lowell, Mass  
Married Oct. 1886 Dorcas Hinman



1 Emery<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Christopher Twombly.  
 2 Leroy<sup>8</sup>, born -----; drowned at the age of 17 years.  
 3 Elmer<sup>8</sup>, born -----; killed in the war of the Rebellion.  
 4 Clara<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married W.H. Wilkins.  
 5 Emma<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Marshall Worcester.  
 6 Harry<sup>8</sup>, born Feb.28,1855 at Felchville, Vt.; died March 19,1931.  
 7 Minnie<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

141-Orville D. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Asa<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Louisa Taft.

Children:-

1 Lucy Ann<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 2 Flora<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 3 Frank<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 4 Merritt<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 5 Mary<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 6 Arden<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 7 Carrie<sup>8</sup>, born -----.  
 8 Alice<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

142-Rollin Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (America<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 19,1829; married (1st.) Mary Ann Wilder. She died March 1,1880, and he married (2nd.) Sophronia C. Lawrence July 20,1881.

Children:-

1 Frank Wilder<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.31,1852; married Janie W. Robinson, April 17,1878.  
 2 Charles Sumner<sup>8</sup>, born June 17,1854; married Feb.19,1874 Lilla E. Jones.  
 3 Henri Ward<sup>8</sup>, born Sept.1856; died July 23,1859.

143-Charles Amsden<sup>7</sup>, America<sup>6</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 6,1832; married Jan.21,1850 Abbie, daughter of James Cragin of Weathersfield.

Children:-

1 Malvina W.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov.2,1850; married Feb.1,1871 C.E. Woodruff of Woodstock, Vt.

144-Adam Manning Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sunday Oct.6,1811; married Wednesday June 10,1835 Mary Goodrich or Goodridge as it is recorded in one place. He died Friday Sept.19,1879, aged 67 years, 11 months, 13 days old. She died Nov. 31,1895. Buried at Hardwick, Vt.

Child:-

1 George Manning<sup>8</sup>, born Feb.13,1837.



145-John H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Friday May 13, 1813; married Saturday April 7, 1837 Polly Foster. He died Friday April 7, 1843 aged 29 years, 24 days at North Walden, Vt. It is not known at this writing whether he had any children or not. Polly died Nov. 7, 1843.

146-Mark A. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Friday Sept. 6, 1816; married Tuesday May 3, 1842 Margaret Chamberlain. He died Monday March 6, 1882 aged 65 years, 6 months.

147-Samuel Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Thursday April 10, 1821; married Sunday Oct. 30, 1842 Elizabeth B. Briggs of New Bedford, Mass. He married (2nd.) April 11, 1855 at Lowell, Mass. Lucy B. Stevens. He married (3rd.) Nov. 11, 1870 Edna Weeks of Manchester, N.H.  
Children by wife Elizabeth:-

- 1 Caroline F.<sup>8</sup>, born May 26, 1843 at New Bedford; married John Judd; died Jan. 19, 1872.
- 2 Mary E.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 6, 1846 at New Bedford; died in Lowell Aug. 5, 1847.
- 3 Elizabeth M.<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 19, 1849 at Lowell; married R.W. Flanders.
- 4 Samuel A.<sup>8</sup>, born June 3, 1851 at Lowell; died June 19, 1870.

Children of Samuel by Lucy:-

- 5 Abbott J.<sup>8</sup>, born at Walden, Vt. June 6, 1856, now Hardwick, Vt.
- 6 Mary L.<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 24, 1856 at Walden; married C. Ackerman.
- 7 Olivia M.<sup>8</sup>, born May 22, 1859 at Barre, Vt., married Herbert Brown.
- 8 Leon B.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 3, 1861 at Barre, Vt. Married a ---- Hatch.
- 9 Martha V.<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 28, 1862 at Walden, Vt., married F.J. Marsh.
- 10 Walter C.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 29, 1865 at Walden, Vt.
- 11 Hattie Grace<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 16, 1866 at Walden, Vt.
- 12 Ernest M.<sup>8</sup>, born June 26, 1868; died Feb. 3, 1869.
- 13 Elmer<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 21, 1869 at Walden, Vt.

148-Abel Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Thursday July 10, 1823; married Saturday Oct. 28, 1848 Elizabeth Hart or Hunt of Johnson, Vt. at Lowell, Mass.  
Children:-

- 1 Addie L.<sup>8</sup>, born July 4, 1852; married Alonzo J. Snow.
- 2 George<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 9, 1858 at St. Hyancinth; married Olive F. Dunbar.

149-Hiram H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sunday July 10, 1825; married Saturday Nov. 10, 1849 Elizabeth M. Johnson. She died Oct. 31, 1853 and he married (2nd.) Tuesday Jan. 23, 1855 Patience D. Johnson. He died April 29, 1879, aged 53 years, 9 months, 19 days.



150-Burt B. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sunday July 24, 1827; married Saturday March 26, 1853 Amelia A. Walcott. She died Sunday May 27, 1923. He died Wednesday Oct. 8, 1902 aged 75 years, 2 months, 16 days old. Buried at North Walden, Vermont.

Children:-

- 1 Emery<sup>8</sup>, born May 4, 1863; living in Portland, Oregon.
- 2 Etta<sup>8</sup>, born -----; deceased.
- 3 Alice<sup>8</sup>, born -----; deceased.
- 4 Carroll<sup>8</sup>, born -----; deceased.
- 5 Frank A.<sup>8</sup>, born July 28, 1868 at Walden, Vt. married -----.
- 6 Celia<sup>8</sup>, born -----; -----.
- 7 Charles B.<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

151-James Harvey Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Friday Nov. 6, 1829; married Wed. March 22, 1854 Lucy C. Jenne at Lowell, Mass. She died at Providence, R.I. July 7, 1866 aged 33 years. He married (2nd.) Wednesday July 31, 1867 Sarah T. Peckham of Fall River, Mass. He died Dec. 17, 1912 at Chicago, Ill. aged 83 years, 41 days old.

Children by wife Lucy:-

- 1 Florence Ella<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 14, 1855 at Walden, Vt. died Dec. 15, 1857.
- 2 James Herbert<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 20, 1856 at Walden, Vt.
- 3 Myra Belle<sup>8</sup>, born May 12, 1860; married H.D. Lackare.
- 4 Lucy Genevieve<sup>8</sup>, born July 31, 1862 at East Hardwick, Vt., died March 30, 1864.
- 5 Curtiss Elliot<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 15, 1865 at Providence, R.I. died Jan. 10, 1866.

Children by Sarah Peckham.

- 6 Freddie Willis<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 25, 1871 at Vinton, Iowa; died Oct. 31, 1871.

152-Stephen Currier Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Adam<sup>6</sup>, Adam<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Monday July 16, 1832; married Thursday June 22, 1854 Maggie E. Hatch, at Lowell, Mass. She died Feb. 1, 1896, buried at Manchester, N.H. He died March 8, 1897 at Lowell, Mass. aged 64 years, 7 months, 22 days. He was buried in Manchester, N.H.

Children:-

- 1 Emma Belle<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 28, 1856 at Lowell, Mass. died June 20, 1860.
- 2 Alice Belle<sup>8</sup>, born July 9, 1861; died Dec. 23, 1864.
- 3 Annie Mabel<sup>8</sup>, born March 11, 1868 in Manchester, N.H.

154-Joel Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 5, 1812 in Hartland, Vt. Here is a quoatation from his



sister Jerusha Brown Amsden. "9th. Joel, born 5th. Sept. 1812 amid great rejoicing because he was a boy. He proved to be such a boy and man that these demonstrations were for a rarity perfectly suited to the case.- one of the few boys who never joined his companions in anything which his sense of propriety, justice or mercy taught him if he did he would violate his convictions, and yet he was never called a coward. Everyone seemed aware that he had fixed points from which it was in vain to try and swerve him".

He married Feb. 22, 1838 Anna Theresa Power, who was born Jan. 28, 1819, a daughter of Nicholas and Catherine Power of Mount Argilo, Ireland. He was a graduate of the Norwich Academy, Vermont. Herewith is a reprint of a notice taken from the "Scranton", Pa. Tribune".

He was resident engineer of the Block River Canal, a branch of the Erie Canal in New York, and while there was Brigade inspector of militia, with the rank of major on the staff of the brigadier general. Removing to Charlestown, Mass., he had charge of the engineering of the turbine water works there, and was civil engineer at the Glendon Iron Works, near Easton, Pa.

In 1850, he was induced by Colonel George W. Scranton to come to Scranton and the following year brought his family here where he laid out Scranton proper mapping the streets as they are now. Later became the resident engineer of the North and South sections of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, between the Nicholson tunnel and Pocano mountain.

After the death of Major McNeil, he became chief engineer of the road in which capacity he served until relieved by James Archbald, the general agent. Later engaging in the private practice of civil engineering and architecture, Joel Amsden erected a large number of buildings in Scranton, many of which still stand. In 1853 he erected a house on the corner of Washington and Lackawanna avenues, and there he had his offices until he died. Since then, the residence has been utilized for business purposes, and is one of the oldest buildings on Lackawanna Avenue today. For years he was borough engineer, and became the first city engineer, holding the position until his death. As an architect he designed many buildings in different parts of this state and in New York.

In religious belief, he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Politically, he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and was one of the original Republicans of the community. In 1853, he established the first bookstore here, and while carrying on that business was appointed postmaster, to succeed John W. Moore, but served only a few months.

Joel Amsden died at Scranton, Pa. Dec. 17, 1868, and his wife Anna died there June 30, 1882.

Children as follows:-

203-1 Frank Power<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 25, 1839, at Booneville, N.Y. married Harriet Fielding of Scranton, Pa.

204-2 Frederick Joel<sup>8</sup>, born June 19, 1841 at Rome, N.Y., married at Scranton, Pa. Miss L. May Davies.

3 Anna Louisa<sup>8</sup>, born July 26, 1843 at Rome, N.Y.; died April 15, 1848 at Easton, Pa.

4 Charles Joseph<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 23, 1847 at Cambridge, Mass., died Sept. 20, 1876 at Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.



205-5 Victoria Anetta<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.9, 1850 at Easton, Pa., married Nov.27, 1873 at Scranton, Pa. James Ferrier Maurice Macfarlane of Montreal, Canada.

155-George Manly Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct.19, 1821; married Jan.10, 1847 Ann Marion Hoffman, daughter of Col. William Hoffman of Lebanon, N.H. She died at Lebanon, N.H. Feb.4, 1901. He died -----.

Child:-

206-1 William Uriah<sup>8</sup>, born Jan.26, 1848; married May 18, 1875 Anna F. Silva of New Bedford, Mass.

156-Frederick Adams Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Amos<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born April 23, 1822; married Oct.12, 1853 Adelaide Thomas. They resided in Elgin, Wis.

Children:-

- 1 Adelaide A.<sup>8</sup>, born Oct.5, 1854; died June 1, 1880.
- 2 Fred R.<sup>8</sup>, born May 16, 1856.
- 3 Zadiah M.<sup>8</sup>, born May 29, 1858.
- 4 Leonard Amos<sup>8</sup>, born May 8, 1864; died Feb.23, 1867.

157-Benjamin Monroe Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec.18, 1818; married Dec.4, 1855 Reliance Avery in Boone county, Ill.

Children:-

- 1 Charles Finney<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Halley McGill.
- 2 Avery Monroe<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Roson Nichols<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 4 George Sidney<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 5 William Cummings<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 6 Clara<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 7 Carrie<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 8 Hattie Belle<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

158-Noah Cummings Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept.6, 1820; married Sarah Hulbert of Hebron, Boone county, Ill. Lived at Dubuque, Iowa.

Children:-

- 1 Charles Morella<sup>8</sup>, born -----;
- 2 Monroe Roselle<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 William Sackett<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Ella Holbrook - 2 children.
- 4 Ella<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 5 Three others who died.



159-Jonathan Nichols Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 6, 1826; married Dec. 4, 1855 Aurelia J. Smith at Belvidere, Ill.

Children:-

- 1 Otto B.<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Sarah Saul, Denver, Col.
- 2 Edwin<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Clarence<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 4 Carey Lloyd<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 5 Fanny<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

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160-Manly S. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Eleazer<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 2, 1831; married Jan. 1, 1855 Hattie P. Green. They lived in Albin, Mich.

Children:-

- 1 Charles Green<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 28, 1855.
- 2 Jennie Louise<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 3, 1857; died July 1, 1861.
- 3 Claude Trowbridge<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 19, 1865.
- 4 Harper McCord<sup>8</sup>, born May 24, 1868; died Jan. 10, 1870.

162-Rufus Brooks Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Eleazer<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 11, 1843; married June 30, 1870 Josie DeMinney, their residence being Coldwater, Mich.

Child:-

- 1 Nina Belle<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 15, 1871.

161-Franklin O. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Eleazer<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born April 4, 1846; married Oct. 20, 1870 Frances E. Barrett. Lived at Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Child:-

- 1 Mattie L.<sup>8</sup>, born March 4, 1872.

163-Wright W. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Noah<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 24, 1855; married May 26, 1861 Eliza Jane Fifield. Residence Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Children:-

- 1 Edwin F.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 10, 1863; married Libby Brown March 31, 1883.
- 2 Elbert<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 3, 1865.
- 3 Elroy F.<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 11, 1868.



164-Philo Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Noah<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>)  
born Nov.8, 1850; married Oct.23, 1870 Maggie LeGerry, Residence  
Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Children:-

- 1 Bessie A.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan.5, 1873.
- 2 Colchester<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.27, 1875.
- 3 Hattie Allen<sup>8</sup>, born May 12, 1877.
- 4 Earl Freeman<sup>8</sup>, born June 28, 1882.

165-Jacob Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>)  
born in Petersham, Mass. Aug.16, 1797; married (1st.) March 13,  
1822 Polly Bosworth of Petersham, who was born July 1, 1799,  
and died May 18, 1843. He married (2nd.) Jacynthia M. Baldwin on  
Feb.15, 1844. He died in Charlestown, N.H. March 4, 1861.

Children:-

- 1 Emery Miles<sup>8</sup>, born Jan.10, 1823; married Ann M. Henry. died Feb.  
12, 1864. No issue.
- 2 Mary Louisa<sup>8</sup>, born Jan.25, 1825; married Eben M. Wheeler.
- 3 Harriet<sup>8</sup>, born Oct.8, 1826; married James H. Butler. *June 1, 1841*
- 4 Thomas John<sup>8</sup>, born Nov.22, 1828.
- 5 William Henry<sup>8</sup>, born Jan.8, 1831.
- 6 James Benjamin<sup>8</sup>, born April 18, 1838; twice married.
- 7 George Lewis<sup>8</sup>, born April 18, 1838; died 1839 (Twin with James)

166-Thomas Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>,  
Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Boston, Mass. Dec.25, 1797 or 99; married Aug.  
22, 1837 at Andover, N.B. Hannah Lovely, who was born Nov.12,  
1815 and died on Oct.8, 1876. He died at Fort Fairfield, Maine,  
March 17, 1875.

Children:-

- 1 Infant Son<sup>8</sup>, born May 24, 1838, died the same day.
- 2 Sarah Ann<sup>8</sup>, born July 5, 1839; married in 1860 Alexander Warren.
- 3 Emery M.<sup>8</sup>, born Oct.22, 1841; married in 1867 Priscilla Hanum.
- 4 Lois J.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov.17, 1843; married 1863 Peter Gige.
- 5 Philena<sup>8</sup>, born Feb.28, 1846; died Aug.7, 1850.
- 6 Lucinda<sup>8</sup>, born April 22, 1848; married in 1866 Joshua Barnes.
- 7 William H.<sup>8</sup>, born July 12, 1851; married in 1878 Esther Cox.
- 8 Lovina E.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan.18, 1854; married in 1870 Israel Dean.
- 9 Mary A.<sup>8</sup>, born Feb.8, 1857; married in 1879 Michael Hines.

167-William H. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>,  
Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Boston, Mass. July 16, 1803, and the brother of  
the above Thomas Amsden, married Nov.8, 1832 Lois D. Hull of and  
at Charlestown, N.H. She died Jan.1882. He was Deacon of the  
Congregational Church at Cato, Wis. where he died suddenly  
without issue Oct.23, 1870.



168-Thomas Osborne Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Lewis W.<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 9, 1816; married (1st.) Caroline Burton Dec. 4, 1838. She died and he married (2nd.) Jan. 4, 1846 Mary C. Bigelow of Brattleboro, Vt. He married (3rd.) Emelia -----.  
Place of residence, Brattleboro, Vt.  
Children by wife Caroline:-

- 1 Georgina<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 28, 1839; married Frank Stetson of St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2 Julia Burton<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1841; died Oct. 31, 1841.
- 3 Osborne A.<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1842; died Aug. 30, 1842.
- 4 William A.<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1843; died Oct. 6, 1843.

By wife Mary:-

- 5 Walter Thomas<sup>8</sup>, born April 20, 1847; died Aug. 14, 1847.
- 6 Helen M.<sup>8</sup>, born May 15, 1848.
- 7 Fred B.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 30, 1850; married Ella Pratt & Mary E. Fox. He had one child.
- 8 Charles Burton<sup>8</sup>, born March 23, 1852; died Oct. 21, 1852.
- 9 James L.<sup>8</sup>, born March 12, 1857.

169-Isaac P. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Lewis W.<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 27, 1822; married June 8, 1843 Abby M. Reed. Residence was East Hampton, Mass.

Children:-

- 1 Lewis<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Hattie<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Ella<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 4 Lizzie<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 5 Frank<sup>8</sup>, born -----; lived in Westfield, Mass.
- 6 Ida<sup>8</sup>, born -----.

170-James L. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Lewis W.<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 14, 1829; married (1st.) Jan. 31, 1861 Sarah Kent (2nd.) in 1872 Orpha P. Kent.

Children:-

- 1 Allena Sophia<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 14, 1863.
- 2 Alice Kent<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 3 Lillian Bertha<sup>8</sup>, born -----.
- 4 Lulu May<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 22, 1875.
- 5 James L.<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 12, 1878.

171-Christopher Thomas Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Amory<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Putney, Vt. Feb. 12, 1815; married July 16, 1840 Mary Jane Jenkins at Port Gibson, N.Y. He died Nov. 11, 1877, at Putney. She was a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Maria (Atwater) Jenkins.

Children:-



207-1 Frank Jenkins<sup>8</sup>, born June 8, 1841; married at Rochester, N.Y.  
Mary E. Parsons.

- 2 John Elwood<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 19, 1843; died Feb. 17, 1844.
- 3 Christopher<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 26, 1844; died Aug. 10, 1915. No issue.
- 4 Eliza Maria<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 10, 1847; died Dec. 8, 1923.
- 5 Mary Jane<sup>8</sup>, born April 20, 1851; died March 30, 1880.
- 6 Kate A.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 2, 1853; died Oct. 20, 1854.
- 7 Louis Amory<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 19, 1855; unmarried; insane,
- 8 George Jarvis<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 8, 1858; died Dec. 1, 1859.

172-Harriet Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Berzaleel<sup>6</sup>, Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 14, 1803; married July 20, 1828 Justus Witt. He died in Dana and is buried in the Dana Center Cemetery.

Children:-

- 1 Warren<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 7, 1830.
- 2 Mary<sup>8</sup>, born April 7, 1835.
- 3 Sophronia<sup>8</sup>, born July 20, 1838.
- 4 Albert<sup>8</sup>, born April 3, 1845; married June 28, 1876 Hattie A. Tolman of Dana.

173-Philura Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Berzaleel<sup>6</sup>, Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 3, 1820; married March 9, 1841 Charles A. Gleason. He died Aug. 1, 1904. She died Jan. 26, 1892.

Their children were:-

- 1 Charles Augustus<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 13, 1843; died Oct. 23, 1857, aged 13 years, 11 months, 10 days old.
- 2 Edwin<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 17, 1849; died Feb. 24, 1849 aged 5 weeks  $2\frac{1}{2}$  days.
- 3 Ann Maria<sup>8</sup>, born July 7, 1851; married (1st.) Dec. 5, 1867 Wm. R. Kendall (2nd.)\* Edward Vaughan of Dana Nov. 7, 1887.
- 4 Lucius<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 3, 1852; died Jan. 19, 1854, aged 1 year  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months old.
- 5 Ella Louise<sup>8</sup>, born April 4, 1856; married E.C. Marsh. She died Jan. 17, 1886, aged 29 years, 9 months, 13 days old.
- 6 Mary Alice<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 23, 1861; married April 2, 1884 Arthur G. \* Stearns. She died June 13, 1912 aged 50 years, 10 months, 10 days old.
- 7 Daughter<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 1843; died Oct. 23, 1857 aged 13 years, 11 months.

174-Albert Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Dana? Mass. Nov. 11, 1812; married Lucelia Weston Cooley, who was born May 29, 1820. He died Sept. 1, 1887. She died in Athol, Mass. June 21, 1890. They had the following children:-

- 208-1 Julia Augusta<sup>8</sup>, born March 18, 1843, she married Sept. 26, 1861 John Wesly Goodman.
- 209-2 Fanny Louisa<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 12, 1849, she married Oct. 3, 1869 E.H. Hale of Philadelphia, Pa.



175-Seth Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan.22, 1815; married (1st.) March 22, 1840 Fanny V. Doane of Dana, and (2nd.) Diana Kendrick. Seth was a typical hard shelled Yankee, very saving and shrewd as a business man. While he lived in North Dana he is reported to have done a very good business buying up braided straw hats, which at that time every housewife made, and selling them to a finishing plant in Barre, Mass. He moved to Athol in middle life and died there Nov. 11, 1883. The obituary of his death taken from the Athol Transcript of Tuesday, Nov.13, which includes that of Massena Amsden's death as well is being included in this account.

"Athol loses two old well known and highly respected citizens in the death Sunday night from catarrhal consumption of Seth W. Amsden, and early yesterday of Massena Amsden from a paralytic shock received the day before. The deceased were cousins. Seth Amsden was a native of Dana, but had lived in Athol all of his later life and accumulated a large property by dint of close economy and shrewd investments. He has been tax collector of the town and one of the best Athol ever had. Though somewhat peculiar in his manner, he was a warm hearted man, faithful in his obligations and he enjoyed the entire respect of all. Massena Amsden was in the enjoyment of excellent health until the fatal stroke Sunday morning. He lived until two o'clock the next morning. He was a well known carpenter in prosperous pecuniary circumstances, and a man thoroughly honest and upright in all his dealings. Both men will be greatly missed, and the sympathy of all go out to the bereaved relatives.

Seth's second wife Diana Kendrick was born in Heath and was a daughter of Oliver B. Kendrick of Lancaster and Anna Gleason of Heath. She died May 3, 1897.

Children:-

210-1 Frederick W.<sup>8</sup>, born Sept.13, 1841; married Nov.18, 1860 at age 19 Adeliza Stevens, who was recorded as being age 18.

By second wife Diana:-

2 Lizzie J.<sup>8</sup>, born May 8, 1862; died April 29, 1863, aged 9 months, 21 days.

211-3 Lauriston<sup>8</sup>, born May 17, 1864; married June 28, 1893 Edith M. Marsh of Leicester, Mass.

212-4 Anna May<sup>8</sup>, born July 28, 1868; died Aug.31, 1893 in Mexico.

176-Amelia Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married March 26, 1844 Alfred J. Carruth of Petersham. Their children were:-

1 Charles A.<sup>8</sup>, born 1854; died May 24, 1927 in Athol, Mass.

2 Lucy Elizabeth<sup>8</sup>, born May 13, 1857.

3 Fannie<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.4, 1862.

4 Ida Stella<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.2, 1859; was a schoolteacher, unmarried. Died Nov.16, 1931 aged 72 years, 3 months, 16 days.



177-Massena Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Dana, Mass. Sept. 16, 1815; married April 11, 1833 Dulcena Sherman. He died Nov. 12, 1883, (see page 73 Seth Amsden). They had only one child:-

213-1 George Merrick<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 5, 1840; married Jan. 17, 1866 Esther Fatima Lord, who was born Nov. 3, 1844.

178-Warren Hoskins Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 30, 1817; married April 4, 1844 Lois Sarepta Maynard. He died April 18, 1867 of consumption, aged 49 years, 9 months, 17 days. She died Oct. 22, 1914 aged 94 years, 7 months, 20 days. Their children:-

1 Lloyd<sup>8</sup>, born -----; it is unknown whether he married or not. He died in Portland, Oregon.

214-2 Cora<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 6, 1845; married May 25, 1866 George H. Worcester.

3 Hero<sup>8</sup>, born -----; lived in Michigan. No children.

215-4 Ellsworth<sup>8</sup>, born -----; died Aug. 8, 1923 in Athol. No issue.

179-Festus Felton Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 4, 1821; he may have been named from the Rev. Festus Foster, who was the third Unitarian minister of Petersham from 1802 to 1817, although of course he may have been named directly from the Bible as was the custom in those days. He married April 29, 1845, Mary Lane Battle, who was born July 12, 1823, a daughter of John and Sally (Worrick) Battle of Orange, Mass. He died Feb. 3, 1864 aged 42 years from an accident. She married (2nd.) Sept. 16, 1865 Benjamin C. Skinner of Dana. There seems to have been some doubt as to the authenticity of the middle name of Mr. Amsden, the name being recorded Fenno in the Family Bible. This Bible record was probably incorrect, since it has always been the custom to name a grandchild after the grandparent so as to perpetuate the name, perhaps more so in olden times than of later years. The last name of Mr. Amsden's grandmother it will be recalled was Felton, she being the daughter of James and Sarah Felton of New Salem, Mass. Mary (Lane) Amsden Skinner died in 1883.

Children:-

1 Fenno Elliot<sup>8</sup>, born June 14, 1846; married Dec. 6, 1874 Kate Evelyn Horton, daughter of Alfred and Eunice (Bretton) Horton of Chesterfield, N.H. She was born April 6, 1856.

2 Fred H.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 1, 1847; died May 19, 1849 aged 1 year, 6 months.

216-3 Charles Festus<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 29, 1849; married May 7, 1879 Jennie G. Dunbar, born Sept. 23, 1860.

4 Mary Ella<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 1852; lived to about 8 months and died Sept. 14, 1852.

217-5 Mary Ella<sup>8</sup>, born July 22, 1853; married Sept. 2, 1875 Frank W. Fish.

218-6 Carrie Maria<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 29, 1855; married Edward N. Hubbard of Vineland, N.J. She died March 28, 1882.



219-7 Fred Edward<sup>8</sup>, born March 19, 1858; married Helen Davis of Charlestown.

221-8 Frances Bradburn<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 22, 1860; married Jan. 1, 1886 Reuben H. Starkweather.

9 Linda Hoskins<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 28, 1862; never married; died June 16, 1934 and is buried in Athol, Mass. Lived in Camden, N.J.

180-Washington Howe Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Dana, Mass. April 19, 1825; married Nov. 23, 1846 Chloe Ann Gates, a daughter of Paul and Eliza (Stone) Gates of Wendall, Mass. Mr. Amsden was one of Athol's earliest and most prominent citizens and instituted many worthwhile changes in the town. On reliable grounds we are informed that he built the first reservoir for supplying the town with water, and which has since been discontinued. Perhaps nothing can describe his achievements any better than his obituary taken from the Athol Transcript of Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1886, and which is herewith reproduced.

Obituary  
Washington H. Amsden

The old business men of Athol - those who by their public spirited activity and energy have done so much to make our town what it is - are passing away one by one. The last to be taken from our midst seemingly suddenly, but not altogether unexpectedly is Washington H. Amsden, one of our best known and most useful men, prominent in town affairs, and always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel when any local enterprise needed encouraging.

Mr. Amsden had been a severe sufferer from lung troubles for several years past, and had been confined to his house more or less for the past year. His trouble was seriously aggravated during the period of his service in the Legislature in 1884, by the close confinement in the poorly ventilated halls of the state-house and he was never a well man thereafter. It was not known however, till a few days before his death that he was in imminent danger, and the news of his death was received by many of his intimate friends, with surprise.

Mr. Amsden was a native of Dana, but came to Athol some forty years ago, and with his brother Festus was engaged in the sash and blind business where the Morse shops now are. He afterwards went to Orange, but returned and resumed business at the same place. Festus Amsden died from an injury, and the shops being burned later, Washington Amsden purchased the Kennebunk property and under his able management, it became one of the largest and most profitable industries in town. Of late years the business has been managed mostly by his son Otho. Mr. Amsden retired from active interest in it to enjoy in his beautiful home as well as his health would permit the fruits of his long and persevering industry, and a reputation for honor and integrity as a business man that was never impeached.

In town affairs, Mr. Amsden was always very energetic and useful. His judgement was sound and keen and always outspoken and forceful in his views, his influence was strong. He has served as selectman, assessor, supervisor of roads, director of



the Athol National Bank, which he was instrumental in starting, trustee of the Athol Savings Bank, and trustee of the local agricultural Society, besides holding other positions of business trust and responsibility. He represented the district in the Legislature in 1884, and was in politics one of our stanchest Republicans as well as an uncompromising temperance man. Socially he was a very genial and pleasant man. He belonged to the First Unitarian Church, and was a liberal supporter thereof. He will be greatly missed, not only by his business friends, but by all who knew him. Mr. Amsden accumulated a handsome fortune, which descends to his family, consisting of a widow, four sons and a daughter. They have universal sympathy in their bereavement.

Washington H. Amsden died in Athol, Mass. Nov. 3, 1886 aged 61 years, 6 months, 16 days old. His wife died there April 12, 1905. Their children born in Athol are as follows:-

222-1 Otho Francis<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 23, 1852; married Oct. 27, 1875 Elizabeth Martha Moulton. She died in Athol May 30, 1886. He married (2nd.) April 7, 1887 Alice Marion Rogan of Athol.

223-2 Fred Henry<sup>8</sup>, born June 8, 1857; married June 11, 1885 Madeline Bowen of Shelburne Falls.

3 William Howe<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 22, 1859; died Oct. 1, 1891 of diabetes. Unmarried.

224-4 Festus Gates<sup>8</sup>, born June 28, 1864; married in Syracuse, N.Y. Sept. 1, 1891 Elizabeth Sarah Bridgeford, daughter of Wilkins and Sarah Angeline (Gilbert) Bridgeford.

5 Anna Maria<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 19, 1871; married Sept. 11, 1895 Sumner Leander Morse of Athol, who operates a furniture factory.

181-Joel Franklin Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Saturday April 21, 1827; married July 4, 1849, Sarah E. White who was a daughter of Albert and Caroline U. (Greenleaf) White.

Child:-

225-1 Henry Franklin<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married Nellie Dodge.

182-Burrill Clinton Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Burrell<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 15, 1823; he was always known as Clinton Amsden to distinguish him from his father. We find under the Tuesday Feb. 5, 1901 Athol Transcript, North Dana News Items the following - Clinton Amsden, an old man who lived with his niece, Mrs. Robert Beecher, was found dead Sunday morning. Deceased was a farmer, and for many years did a prosperous business in picking up eggs for the Worcester market. He was a brother of Edwin Amsden of this town, and uncle of Mrs. F.J. Haven of Barre.

From the Athol Transcript of March 24th. 1925 we find the following regarding his wife who had moved to Athol in her declining years.

Mrs. Emily Amsden, aged 100, passed away at the home of Mrs. Ger-



trude Field on Park Avenue, Friday morning after a short illness. She had been having a slight cold which developed rapidly the last day or two and Mrs. Amsden passed away about 6 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Amsden observed her 100th. birthday on Nov. 18, and barring a slight deafness she enjoyed all her faculties and on her birthday seemed more like a woman of seventy than of a century. Mrs. Amsden well remembered seeing Abraham Lincoln several times when he was President when he visited Springfield. Her grandfather, Samuel Benjamin, was a Lieutenant in the Colonial Army. She has one nephew living, Spaulding Sage of Great Barrington, who is over eighty years of age. Mrs. Amsden was born in Granville, Mass., and she was the widow of Clinton Amsden, who died in 1901. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. David Rose and for many years Mrs. Amsden lived in Dana, and had been in Athol 22 years. She was the aunt of the late Mrs. Robert E. Beecher. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the rooms of J.F. Higgins, and Rev. E.B. Young officiated. Burial was in Dana Center.

Mrs. Amsden had made many friends in town since coming here. She was a beautiful woman, living in peace and serenity, quiet and unassuming, but of gracious and beautiful disposition. As she said on her hundredth birthday she never expected to live to be 60 when a girl, but she did live to enjoy 100 years of life and happiness.

Clinton Amsden died Jan. 27, 1901 aged 77 years, 7 months, 22 days of pneumonia. She died in Athol, March 20, 1925, aged 100 years, 3 months, and 26 days old. They had no children, however Clinton and his wife adopted a child who later married Col. Beecher, a nephew of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

183-Edwin Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Burrell<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 3, 1833; married (1st.) June 17, 1855 Julia M. Priest. He is recorded to have been 22 years of age and she 19 at the time of their marriage. The children were all by Julia who died Nov. 30, 1880 aged 44 years, 10 months, 5 days old. She was a daughter of Henry and Miranda Priest. The cause of death given as bilious fever. He married (2nd.) Feb. 22, 1888 Cleora A. Pierce. This was her first marriage, and she was aged 44 and he 55. He was a painter by occupation, and an excellent violin player. He died Nov. 9, 1908 aged 75 years, 5 months, 6 days old.  
Children as follows:-

1 Ida<sup>8</sup>, born in 1858; married Frank Haven of Barre, Mass. who was killed within a few years in Athol by an automobile.

2 Henry E.<sup>8</sup>, born May 14, 1862; died July 9, 1864 aged 2 years, 1 month, 25 days old. Cause of death - Brain fever.

3 Frederic E.<sup>8</sup>, born July 10, 1869; died Nov. 13, 1875, aged 6 years, 4 months, 3 days at Springfield, Mass.

184-Lauriston Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 6, 1815; married Jan. 17, 1837 Nancy Bosworth, who was born in 1812. He died Jan. 2, 1882 aged 66 years, 7 months, 26 days old. She died in 1893.

Children:-



1 Julia Ann<sup>8</sup>, born May 1, 1848.  
 2 Daughter<sup>8</sup>, born -----; married a Mr. Reynolds of Orange, Mass.

185-Ellis P. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Petersham, Mass. May 21, 1817; married Clarissa Vaughan. He died at Baton Rouge, La. Sept. 24, 1865. She died Sept. 3, 1881, aged 60 years, 11 months, 3 days old.  
 Children:-

1 Daniel H.<sup>8</sup>, born July 26, 1838; died July 16, 1840.  
 2 Louise M.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 31, 1840; married Aug. 1, 1862 James W. Smith.  
 3 Ezban J.<sup>8</sup>, born March 16, 1842; died June 3, 1864.  
 226-4 Merrick H.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 16, 1846; married Feb. 28, 1877 Mary J. Lloyd.  
 5 Merit L.<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 16, 1846; died Dec. 16, 1846. Twin with Merrick H. Above.  
 227-6 Frank A.<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 27, 1850; married Nov. 30, 1871 Lucy W. Bartlett.  
 7 Flora L.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 21, 1852; died Jan. 20, 1861. Typhoid fever.  
 228-8 Albert Vaughan<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 29, 1855; married Feb. 10, 1882 Addie E. Smith. She died and he married (2nd.) Lida Gould.

186-Daniel R. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Robbard<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 21, 1832; married March 25, 1850 Lucretia Aldrich who was born in 1831. His age at the date of marriage is recorded as 27, and hers 18 years, He was a mechanic and died April 4, 1880 aged 58 years, 1 month, 13 days of paralysis. She died Aug. 11, 1911.

There is record of only one son, as follows:-

1 Walter M.<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 9, 1853; died Jan. 18, 1859 aged 6 years, 4 months, 9 days.

187-Alexander W. Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Robbard<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 30, 1831; married Dec. 6, 1856 Ellen M. Tolman. He is recorded as being 25 and she 21 years old at the time of their marriage. She was the daughter of Hosea and Mary Tolman, and was born in Greenwich, Mass. in 1835, married (2nd.) about 1890 James A. Lemon who was born in Athol, Mass.

The obituary of Alexander Amsden taken from the Athol Transcript of June 2, 1885 follows:-

Last Saturday afternoon, Alexander W. Amsden, a well known carpenter about 55, was found dead in Mill brook just below the dam of the Johnson "White Mill". It appears that he had been fishing from the foot bridge and as he was subject to frequent fits, it is supposed he was attacked by one and fell off the bridge 12 feet or so into the water below. The water runs rapidly, but is only a few inches deep, and when the body was first found by Mr. D.A. Newton it was only partially immersed. The watch on the person of the deceased had stopped at half past 2, and it was not till 5:15 that he was found. Medical Examiner Lynde was called and made the usual inquiry and examination. The body was then



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taken by Undertaker Cardany and carried to Mrs. Amsden on South Main St., where the funeral was held Sunday afternoon, the remains being taken to North Dana, his birthplace for interment.

Mr. Amsden was a carpenter of remarkable mechanical skill and ingenuity. Their children were as follows:-

- 1 Carrie Estelle<sup>8</sup>, born Aug.29,1858; married about 1884 William A. Beaman of Athol, Mass. She died Dec.11,1931.
- 2 George Ambrose<sup>8</sup>, born July 25,1860; he died June 7,1862, 1 year, 5 months, 10 days old, inflammation of bowels.
- 229-3 Lillian<sup>8</sup>, born Oct.12,1865; married in Boston April 16, 1893 Arthur Woods Birdsall.
- 4 Charles S.<sup>8</sup>, born Sept.26,1867; never married.

188-James Sumner Amsden<sup>7</sup>, (Lauriston<sup>6</sup>,Joel<sup>5</sup>,Jacob<sup>4</sup>,Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>,Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 18,1830; married -----. He spent his whole life in Malone, N.Y., largely in the conduct of a farm about a mile west of Malone Village. He died Feb.27,1897.  
Children:-

- 1 Helen<sup>8</sup>, born Dec.21,1864; died quite young.
- 2 Mabel<sup>8</sup>, born April 23,1866; died when a child.
- 3 Minnie A.<sup>8</sup>, born Nov.8,1868; married Broc R. Shears, formerly assistant cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Malone.
- 4 Frank Floyd<sup>8</sup>, born Oct.21,1870; now deceased.
- 5 James Frederick<sup>8</sup>, born Dec.22,1872, died in 1933.

189-Thomas Ephraham Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Ansel<sup>7</sup>,Ephraim<sup>6</sup>,Ephraim<sup>5</sup>,Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>,Isaac<sup>2</sup>,Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at West Warren, Mass. Nov.30,1851; married July 28,1881 Addie Palmerle Tucker, who was born at Ware, Mass. Dec.17,1861? He lived most of his life in West Brookfield, Mass. Their children were as follows:-

- 1 Edith Pearl<sup>9</sup>, born Jan.31,1882; married Feb.28,1917 Dennis Edward Sullivan. He died Nov.6,1930.
- 2 Eunice May<sup>9</sup>, born Aug.7,1883; married June 18,1912 Francis J. Owens.
- 3 George Henry<sup>9</sup>, born Sept.2,1885; married July 5,1917 Jennie V. Frahlick. He died May 10,1921. No children.
- 4 Cora Gertrude<sup>9</sup>, born Oct.7,1887.
- 5 Glenna Louise<sup>9</sup>, born Sept.12,1889.
- 6 Jessie Edwina<sup>9</sup>, born Feb.29,1892; married April 20,1916 George Otis Packard.
- 7 Ernest Harmon<sup>9</sup>, born Oct.22,1894; married Oct.25,1916 Fontebel Elmer.
- 8 Walter Earle<sup>9</sup>, born Jan.19,1900; died July 1901.

190-William Charles Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Charles<sup>7</sup>,David<sup>6</sup>,Ephraim<sup>5</sup>,Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>,Isaac<sup>2</sup>,Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 3,1847; married Margaret McGowan, who was born in Ireland.  
Children:-



1 Alice<sup>9</sup>, born -----; died when a child.  
 2 Carrie M.<sup>9</sup>, born -----; married Walter J. Tolman.  
 3 Charles W.<sup>9</sup>, born -----; married Nettie M. Amsden. He lives in Worcester, Mass., she in Brooklyn, N.Y. Divorced.  
 4 Frank J.<sup>9</sup>, born -----; married (1st.) Minnie A. Stevens of North Dana. (2nd.) Gertrude Nott. Minnie, the first wife died July 9, 1906. He is foreman of construction for the Barre branch of the Gardner Electric Light Co., and lives in Barre, Mass.  
 5 Nellie N.<sup>9</sup>, born -----; married John F. Harty. Live in Barre, Mass., on Kendall St.

191-Frank E. Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Charles<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 31, 1854; married May 13, 1879 Lennie E. Whitmore. He died April 28, 1929.

Child:-

1 Harry Sloan<sup>9</sup>, born April 9, 1880 who died during the epidemic of influenza of Dec. 9, 1918.

192-George Albert Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Orin<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 4, 1859 at Philipston, Mass., married in 1878 Cora Estelle Thompson of Farmington, Ohio. As a boy he attended the Petersham public schools and later Highland Institute. In 1907 George bought the old homestead of his grandfather in southwest Petersham, and the house and barn having been destroyed by fire he built a cottage there, where he with his family used to spend the summers. The place is at present occupied by his daughter Laura, who is supervisor of art in the Petersham and Orange, Mass. public schools.

George together with his brother Frank were much interested in the store service business and a few years ago were connected with the Lamson Company, manufacturers of cash and parcel carrying equipment, which is to be seen in all up-to-date department stores. Before his death Mr. Amsden was manager of the New England District Office of the Company. He died March 19, 1924 and his wife died on Nov. 30, 1929.

Child:-

1 Laura D.<sup>9</sup>, born in 1884; unmarried.

193-Frank Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Orin<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 30, 1864 in Athol; married Dec. 1893 Hattie Gertrude Harris of Williamsville, Mass., and is at present (1934) living on the old Peckham place next to his niece Laura. He was with the construction department of the Lamson Company having charge of installation of equipment. They have two children as follows:-

1 Florence<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 6, 1895 at Springfield, Mass., married Sept. 1922 Cyril F. Ellis.



2 Raymond Harris<sup>9</sup>, born Jan. 25, 1904; married in 1932 Helen Hutchinson.

194-Sarah Daisy Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Orin<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 27, 1870; married Dec. 1893 David Ellory Chisholm. She was a graduate of Woodstock Academy and Child's Business School. They lived in Springfield, Mass. She died March 18, 1930. Children as follows:-

- 1 Laura Vaughan<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 7, 1895; married (1st.) Jan. 1, 1917 Noel Edwards. (2nd.) Segur Hannus March 1930.
- 2 Edith Mabel<sup>9</sup>, born June 24, 1898; married Jan. 30, 1926 Erwin E. Knowles.
- 3 Ellory Amsden<sup>9</sup>, born July 2, 1900; died Feb. 10, 1918 in France, killed during the World War.
- 4 David Olin<sup>9</sup>, born Feb. 19, 1906; married in 1927 Helen DeLong.

194A-Ella Janette Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Nelson<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 24, 1856; married Dec. 27, 1876 Joseph Avery Manning of Worcester, Mass.

Children:-

- 1 Joseph Nelson<sup>9</sup>, born June 30, 1879; married Jan. 4, 1906 Grace Mary Dickey.
- 2 Frances Gleason<sup>9</sup>, born April 21, 1883; married Oct. 26, 1910 James Stuart Bent Jr.
- 3 Edward Avery<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 14, 1894; married Dec. 7, 1917 Cornelia Hyde Mossman.

195-George Albert Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (George W.<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio Feb. 16, 1855; married Oct. 6, 1898 Jesse Bond at Rock Creek, Ohio, she being the daughter of Adolphus and Clara (Wheeler) Bond. She was born Nov. 6, 1877. They lived at Wilkinsburg, Pa., Rock Creek, O. and Ashtabula, where she died Nov. 23, 1916 aged 39 years.

Children:-

- 1 Mary Elizabeth<sup>9</sup>, born at Wilkinsburg, Pa. May 10, 1900; married at Ashtabula, O. July 21, 1927 Jerome Hearn.
- 2 Marion Alberta<sup>9</sup>, born at Ashtabula, O. July 8, 1909; married at Maysville, N.Y. Nov. 12, 1931 Maynard Fassett.

196-Mary Abigail Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (George W.<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio July 12, 1857; a daughter of George W. and Emily (Newell) Amsden; married June 11, 1884 Ethan C. Sawin at Ashtabula, who was born at Union, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1856, a son of David and Harriet (Neil) Sawin. He was sta-



tion agent at Conneut, Ohio for the N.Y.C. & St. L.R.R. from 1886 to 1892 at Ashtabula, Ohio from 1892 to 1898 and at Coraopolis, Pa. for the P. & L.E. R.R. from 1898 to his death in 1921. He died at Coraopolis, Pa. Nov. 11, 1921 aged 65. No children.

197-Ida Adell Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Edwin<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio May 14, 1859; married Seth Leonard. Was then divorced. No children by this marriage. She married (2nd.) at Erie, Pa. June 7, 1887 Edward W. Smith. He was born at Ashtabula, Ohio Nov. 26, 1859, a son of Ward William and Margarete (Shoecraft) Smith. He was with the J.L. Hudson Co. as salesman for thirty years, and was assistant superintendent at his death. He died at Detroit, Mich. Aug. 26, 1920, aged 60 years. Their children were:-

- 1 Robert Edward<sup>9</sup>, born at Ashtabula, Ohio Aug. 16, 1888.
- 2 Ethel Margarete<sup>9</sup>, born in Cleveland, O. Feb. 14, 1890; married at Phoenix, Ariz. July 25, 1916 Roy Stratton. She died at Detroit, Mich. March 4, 1917.
- 3 Donald Shoecraft<sup>9</sup>, born in Cleveland, O. March 12, 1892; married Oct. 11, 1916 Helen M. Westgate.
- 4 Edward Ward<sup>9</sup>, born in Cleveland, Ohio Aug. 18, 1895; died May 23, 1917 at Detroit, Mich.

198-Stanley Ellsworth Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Edwin<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio April 29, 1861; married at Cleveland, Ohio Nellie Nelson. He was a merchant and lived at Ashtabula and Cleveland, Ohio.

Child:-

- 1 Nelson<sup>9</sup>, born -----; married Elinore Holmes.

199-Lewis Austin Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Austin<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio June 21, 1862; married at Ashtabula, Ohio May 27, 1891 Julia Ann Hubbard, who was born at Ashtabula April 19, 1865, a daughter of Edward and Eliza Jane (Dietrick) Van Derburg, and an adopted daughter of Henry and Harriet (Stanhope) Hubbard. He was a civil engineer and was employed by the City of Ashtabula for 29 years, the last 16 years as city engineer. No children.

200-Arthur Dickinson Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Austin<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, O. March 13, 1864; married June 14, 1893 Elizabeth Julia Nettleton at Ashtabula, O. She was born at Ashtabula, Feb. 11, 1871, daughter of George and Julia (Watrous) Nettleton. Occupation, watchmaker and jeweler, resided at Ashtabula. Moved to Pasadena, Calif. in 1921, where she died. Their child:-



1 Frances Mae<sup>9</sup>, born at Ashtabula Dec.2,1895; died Feb.7,1916.  
Unmarried.

201-Dr. George Samuel Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Austin<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio May 7,1870; married Sept.2,1907 at Fitchburg, Mass. Martha Medora Adams, who was born at Concord, Vt. June 9,1861, a daughter of Samuel Minot and Nancy A.(Powers) Adams. Occupation, physician. He graduated at Ashtabula High School in 1888, Philips Exeter Academy in 1892, Harvard College in 1901, Harvard Medical School in 1905. He was on the staff of Bloomingdale Hospital from 1905 to 1924, most of the time as Senior Physician. He studied at Munich and Zurich from 1909-1910. In 1924 he was appointed Professor of Clinical Psychiatry in Albany, N.Y. Medical College (Union University) and attending physician at Albany Hospital as Director of the Psychopathic Department. Now with the New York Hospital, New York, N.Y.

202-Julian Noses Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Austin<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Ashtabula, Ohio Oct.5,1876; married Sept.20,1900 at Indianapolis, Ind. Laura Louise Gillette. She was born at Buffalo, N.Y. Sept.10,1879, a daughter of Oscar S. and Harriet A.(Nettleton) Gillette. Residence, Ashtabula, O. Their child.

1 Jane<sup>9</sup>, born in Ashtabula, Ohio May 27,1907.

203-Frank Power Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Joel<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug.25,1839 at Booneville, N.Y.; married April 9,1860 at New York City, Harriet Fielding, who was born in New York May 22,1841.

Frank P. Amsden was Captain of Battery G., First Pennsylvania Light Artillary, entered the service as first Lieutenant of Battery H., but was transferred to and became captain of Company G. and resigned on account of disability, returning to Scranton after the Battle of Chancellorville, in May 1863; he continued as an architect and civil engineer until his death in March 1895. Children:-

1 Anna Louise<sup>9</sup>, born Dec.12,1860 at Scranton, Pa.  
230-2 Frank Fielding<sup>9</sup>, born Nov.8,1862 at Scranton, Pa., married in 1895 Jesse Keller of Reading, Pa.  
3 Edith Bloodgood<sup>9</sup>, born Jan.17,1866 at Flushing, Long Island.

204-Frederick Joel Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Joel<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 19,1841 at Rome, N.Y.; married in 1894 Miss L. May Davies of Carbondale, Pa. Herewith is a reprint of the obituary of Frederick J. Amsden taken from the Scranton Pa. Tribune of Wednesday June 6,1906.



Death claimed Captain Fred J. Amsden shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 716 Olive St., after an illness covering a period of over five years. It was not until about two weeks ago however that his condition became alarming and since then everything possible was done to stay the death summons, but it was of no avail, and he succumbed to an affection of the heart. His wife and niece, Miss Edith Amsden of Philadelphia were at his bedside.

Mr. Amsden was in his sixty-fifth year. During the half century he spent in this city, he always maintained a leading position as an architect, and, as such, designed many of the leading buildings in the city. His office was located in the Amsden Building, at the corner of Washington avenue and Lackawanna avenue for many years. Five years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis but recovered sufficiently to resume his profession, until a short time ago, when he was forced to give up and take to his bed. He again recovered sufficient strength to leave his room for a short time, but the valvular affection of the heart he was suffering from soon rendered him almost helpless, and he lingered in this condition until he died. The funeral services will be held at the house Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and will be in charge of the Grand Army Men, and the Masonic Fraternity. Interment will be made in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Captain Amsden accompanied his parents to Boston, Mass., Easton Pa., and finally, in April 1851, to Scranton, where he received his early education in the private schools. Later, he was a student in Prof. R.E. Rice's academy, at Stamford, Ct. He fitted himself for his profession of civil engineer and architecture in the office of his father.

On Aug. 26, 1862, he was commissioned second lieutenant of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania infantry, and was promoted to be first lieutenant on April 1, 1863, and mustered out on May 29, of the same year, having passed through the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

He was commissioned second lieutenant of the signal corps, U.S. A., on Oct. 3, 1863, to rank from March 3, 1863, breveted first Lieutenant United States volunteers on March 13, 1865, "for gallantly maintaining his position under great exposure, on James River Signal Tower, while his station was for some time deliberately cannonaded by the rebel batteries.

On March 13, 1865, he was breveted captain of United States volunteers, for gallant and meritorious services during the war. He saw service along the Atlantic coast in the department of the South, and in the Tenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Army corps, in Virginia, at Port Waltha, Swift Creek, Drewry's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred, Cold Harbor, Weir Bottom Church seige of Petersburg, Mine Explosion, Chapin's Farm, Fair Oaks, Fort Gregg and Fall of Petersburg, Farmville, Rice's station and Appomattox C.H., being chief signal officer, Twenty-fourth army corps.

He was present at the surrender of Lee and finally in the Powder River expedition against the Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, in Montana, in the fall of 1865. On Dec. 8, of that year, he was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In April 1866, Capt. Amsden took charge of the drafting office of the Delaware,



Lackawanna and Western railroad machine and car shops, but resigned in April, 1868 to accept a position in the office of his father whose death occurred in December of the same year.

Since that time he carried on the business of civil engineering (being city surveyor from 1869 to 1876), and architecture, devoting himself however, since 1876, entirely to architecture. Many of the best and finest buildings in the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys bear testimony to his skill in his profession.

Fraternally, Captain Amsden was past master of Union Lodge, No. 291, Free and accepted Masons, past district deputy grandmaster of Pennsylvania; past high priest of Lackawanna chapter No. 185 Royal Arch Masons; past eminent commander of Cour de Leon commandery, No. 17, Knights Templars; past commander of Lieut. Ezra S. Griffin post, No. 139, Grand Army of the Republic; past junior vice commander of the department of Pennsylvania, and has been honored by the department commander at various times, by staff appointments, and by the commander-in-chief as an aide-de-camp on the national staff.

He has drawn the plans for many of the Catholic churches in this diocese, and the first Catholic church of any size St. Peters Cathedral, was designed by his father.

In 1894, in this city, he married Miss L. May Davies, who was born in Carbondale, and is a member of an old family of the county. They had no children.

205-Victoria Anetta Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Joel<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Easton, Pa. Aug. 9, 1850; married Nov. 27, 1873 in Scranton, Pa. James Ferrier Maurice Macfarlane of Woodstock, Canada. Herewith is reproduced a copy of their wedding which will no doubt be of interest.

Mr. Macfarlane's Wedding - The following account of the above happy event we clip from the Scranton Sunday Times: On Thursday last at the close of the union Thanksgiving services at the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, the audience would not be dismissed, notwithstanding the pronouncing of the benediction and the positive statement from the pulpit that the services were over. It seemed to be pretty well understood that a wedding was about to take place there and as it was a day when it didn't matter whether the turkey was put upon the table at any set hour or not there was a disposition to stay and see the wedding ceremony. The church was filled, every pew groaning beneath a full complement of sitters. The decorations from the memorial services still graced with emblems and festoons the chancel and columns, and added a beauty that was appropriate to the occasion, and, as some remarked, the dates were not far out of the way. At the appointed time, half past twelve the bridal procession entered the right aisle of the church. This consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amsden: Mr. Fred J. Amsden and Miss Edith Ladd of Westchester, formerly of Scranton: Mr. Charles J. Amsden and the mother of the bride; the bride and groom, Miss Victoria A. Amsden and Mr. J.F.M. Macfarlane. During the entrance of the bridal party, the organist of the church, Miss Stella Seymour, executed with her usual excellent taste and touch a march of which we did not learn the name. After the positions



were taken, Rev. W.P. Hellings, of the Penn. Avenue Baptist Church, made the introductory remarks and invocation, when the Rev. S.C. Logan D.D. pronounced the impressive word that made of the twain one flesh, the organ, meanwhile discoursing a soft symphony from "Semiramide", that seemed to come from some far off region reminding us of the storied organ tone from the distant cloister of some monastic pile. The ceremony was brief - the conventional manipulations of hands and rings were enacted without a miss, and the responses were made with a confidence and audibility that left no doubt as to the intentions of the contracting parties.

The bride looked beautiful, as she always does, not by reason of any extra adornment - for she was married in traveling costume but because she couldn't help it. Said costume consisted of a dress of dark blue serge, trimmed with light blue. Three seconds sight of the same did not admit of sufficient examination to give the style and minutiae of make-up but 'twas just as it should be. The party left the church, the organ pealing that grand march from the closing overture of William Tell. The bridal dinner was partaken of at the Lackawanna Valley House, and the wedded ones took the train at 3:30 p.m. for Philadelphia, whence they will go to New York and thence to Woodstock, Canada, Mr. Macfarlanes home. We didn't like to see this wedding, because we were opposed to Miss Amsden's leaving town, but this match couldn't be broken off. However, such things must be borne, so all we hope is that Miss Amsden will find as many friends in her new home as she left behind in her old one. Scranton has lost a charming girl and Woodstock has gained a beautiful wife.

The names of the young gentlemen who acted as ushers and whose care, attention and politeness in seating the multitude was remarked several times in our hearing were, Mr. Charles E. Chittenden, Mr. S.A. Lackey, Mr. James P. Dickson and Mr. Silas Leach.

Referring to the recent references to Mr. Macfarlane by the Woodstock papers, the Scranton Republican says: we are glad to note the fact that Miss Amsden has found her lot cast with one whom we can put implicit confidence in. While here, Mr. Macfarlane won many friends by his gentlemanly deportment and urbanity, which prepossessed all who met him very much in his favor. He is not an old resident of Woodstock, it seems, but has spent most of his life in Montreal, where his family still reside, and whence come many favorable reports of him.

Her daughter, Mrs. Victoria M. Johnson of New York writes the author that her mother was left handed, and that as a girl she thought this quite a distinction and was very proud of it. She writes further that her uncle Fred told her of two Amsden brothers who were crossing the country in a caravan which was attacked by the Indians. The brothers were bound preparatory to being burned at the stake the following day. During the night the left handed one managed to free them both owing to the fact that his left hand had been left unbound and they made their escape. This peculiarity of left-handedness ran back through generations.

Writing of her mother further, she says, "She was very beautiful, and was in fact called the most beautiful girl in Scranton, with her delicate features, pink and white complexion, blue eyes, and heavy brown hair that reached her knees. She had a lovely



high soprano voice and sang in the choir at Woodstock, Canada where she came with her mother to spend the summer months. It was in Woodstock that she met my father, who was a young man just starting in business there".

This was where Charles Joseph Amsden died when on a visit to his sister's at Woodstock on Sept. 20, 1876.

Victoria Anetta Amsden Macfarlane died May 11, 1882 in San Gabriel, Cal. Her body was brought to Scranton for burial on the 24th. of the same month. Her mother Anna T. Amsden was in California and tended her daughter, and it was this overstrain which caused her own breakdown. Mr. Macfarlane married a second time about five years after the first had passed on. He died Oct. 2, 1903 aged 81.

Children:-

- 1 Victoria Louisa<sup>9</sup>, born June 10, 1874 at Woodstock, Canada. married June 4, 1895 Charles A. Johnson of Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 2 Lydia Dickson<sup>9</sup>, born July 11, 1876 at Woodstock, Canada; married April 15, 1903 Charles Carson Tough of New York. Divorced.

206-William Uriah Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (George<sup>7</sup>, Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 26, 1848; married May 18, 1875 Anna F. Silva of New Bedford, Mass. He was by occupation a treasurer and book-keeper. He deserves more than a little credit for the appearance of the "Amsden Genealogy" for due to his careful and persistent work many missing links were slowly and painstakingly uncovered, and having been done fifty years before this work has made an appearance much has been preserved to posterity that might have remained forever lost. In many lines he had the work brought up to 1885 fairly completely. His daughter Mrs. Florence Belle (Amsden) Wilcox very kindly informed me of these records which were in the possession of Mrs. John F. Scott, Fredericksburg, Va., and who is a daughter of Annie Mabel Amsden (see p. 66) and who forwarded them for inspection. Needless to say they have been of great help in the compilation of the Amsden Genealogy. Mr. Amsden died very early in life, Oct. 21, 1903, at 9 Upham Ave., Dorchester, Mass. His wife is still living at Providence, R.I. as is also his daughter.

Child:-

- 1 Florence Belle<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 17, 1881; married June 9, 1917 Henry L. Wilcox of Providence, R.I.

207-Frank Jenkins Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Christopher<sup>7</sup>, Amory<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born June 8, 1841 at Rochester, N.Y.; married Mary E. Parsons, who died at Brighton, N.Y. Feb. 23, 1870. He married (2nd.) Ida Frances Bennett.

Children by the first wife Mary:-

- 1 Blossom<sup>9</sup>, born -----; died aged 1 year.
- 2 Frank Parson<sup>9</sup>, born May 12, 1874; married June 27, 1907; lives in Rochester. Wife's name Nettie Anette Hogan.



by wife Ida Frances:-

3 Gilbert Traver<sup>9</sup>, born July 14, 1879; married June 1, 1904 Louise A. Pitkin. Has an insurance brokerage office in Rochester, N.Y.

208-Julia Augusta Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Albert<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 18, 1843; married Sept. 26, 1861 John Wesly Goodman, who was born in 1840, a son of Dr. Allen Goodman of Prescott and North Dana, Mass. Dr. Allen Goodman his father, became interested in the manufacture of billiard tables and in company with Warren Hale. It was in 1861 that John Wesly became a member of his father's firm, but several years later retired and moved to Orange, Mass., where he engaged in the picture frame business. While there he was also engaged with Clark, Wheeler, French and others in the Gold Medal Sewing Machine Co. He sold his interests in the picture frame and sewing machine business in Orange and returned to North Dana and was for a time extensively engaged in the manufacture of picture frames. In 1876 he bought the billiard table business of his father and Mr. Hale which he carried on successfully until 1888, and the plant having been destroyed two or three times by fire he removed the plant to Athol, where his business continued to expand due to the excellent reputation of his goods from coast to coast, and was carried on until his death on May 15, 1893. Mrs. Goodman removed to Boston, where she lived with her daughter Mrs. Dr. Leon Tolman on Beacon St. Mrs. Goodman was a highly esteemed and well beloved woman, and was well known throughout the community. By faith she was a Unitarian and a consistent worker for the cause, also a member of Themis Chapter and a member of the Athol Womans Club. She died Dec. 28, 1907.

Children:-

- 1 Fanny Louise<sup>9</sup>, born -----; died in infancy.
- 2 Minnie Louise<sup>9</sup>, born in 1869; married Dr. Leon Tolman.
- 3 Fred Leslie<sup>9</sup>, born June 2, 1871; married Bertha Cutter, who was born in 1871. She died in 1912.
- 4 William<sup>9</sup>, born 1874; married (1st.) Eva Claremont. (2nd.) Elizabeth Potter.

209-Fanny Louisa Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Albert<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 12, 1849; she married Oct. 3, 1869 at age 20, Jonas Warren Hale of Philadelphia, Pa. who was aged 22 and is recorded as a manufacturer. He was born April 25, 1847 and died Oct. 12, 1921.

Children:-

- 1 Lena Louise<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 21, 1871.
- 2 Carrie Mabel<sup>9</sup>, born July 18, 1877.



210-Frederick W. Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Seth<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 13, 1841; married Nov. 18, 1860 Adeliza Stevens. He died Dec. 16, 1868 aged 27 years, 3 months, his wife Adeliza married (2nd.) March 22, 1881 Robert Harshaw. Adeliza died Nov. 14, 1921, aged 79 years, 6 months, they had only one Child:-

1 Nellie<sup>9</sup>, born Oct. 11, 1876; married (1st.) Dec. 25, 1889 Arthur J. Whipple, who was a mechanic. He died Aug. 30, 1893, and at the time of his death was postmaster in Dana. She married (2nd.) Aug. 18, 1897, George W. Durkee. Mr. Durkee was a barber and died May 24, 1919, aged 51 years, 9 months, and at the time of this writing Mrs. Durkee lives on Main St., Athol, Mass.

211-Lauriston Kendrick Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Seth<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born May 17, 1864; married June 28, 1893 Edith M. Marsh of Leicester, Mass., who was teaching in Athol before their marriage. He was a graduate of Athol High School and of Cushing Academy. On Feb. 9, 1883 in an issue of the Athol Chronicle appears an advertisement to the effect that he has bought over the furniture and undertaking business of Mr. Charles Dow on Exchange St. In 1901 he sold the business and removed to Springfield, Mass., where he was in a furniture and carpet store for about 8 years. He was in Brookline 7 years and in Boston 5 years. Later he moved to Worcester, Mass. where he died at the Worcester City Hospital Friday, Sept. 15, 1916 after about a years illness from heart disease. His wife Edith M. Marsh was born June 23, 1866 at Leicester, Mass.

Children:-

- 1 Dorothy<sup>9</sup>, born June 8, 1894; married Sept. 11, 1920 Carleton W. Whitney.
- 2 Olive<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 11, 1895; married May 6, 1922 Holden C. Priest.
- 3 Kendrick Marsh<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1897; unmarried; podiatrist; practising in Worcester, Mass.

212-Anna May Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Seth<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 28, 1868; was never married, and all that can be found regarding her appears in one of the Athol papers as follows.

A memorial service for Anna May Amsden was held Thursday morning at the home of her mother, Mrs. Diana L. Amsden, in Athol, Rev. H.F. Brown officiating. Miss Amsden died of smallpox in Mexico two weeks ago. The remains cannot be removed at present owing to the virulent nature of the disease. Miss Amsden was 24 years old.

So far as can be learned the body was never brought back.



213-George Merrick Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Massena<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 5, 1840; married June 17, 1866, Esther Fatima Lord, born Nov. 3, 1844. He was an only child and died in Athol, Mass. June 18, 1908. She died May 4, 1912. Herewith is a reprint of the obituary of George M. Amsden - From the Athol Transcript of Tuesday June 23, 1908.

George M. Amsden, 68, a well known Athol resident died at his home on Pine Street Thursday night of heart failure. His health had long been poor, and for about two years he was unable to be at his work. Mr. Amsden was for many years a valued employee at the machine shop of George M. Gerry & Sons. He was known as a carpenter and was very expert. Mr. Amsden's death is the second that has taken place in the Gerry force, John W. Forbes dying a few weeks ago. Mr. Amsden was born in Petersham, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Massena Amsden, and had lived nearly half a century in the house on Pine Street where he died, and where his father lived before him. He leaves a widow, one daughter Miss Lillian Amsden, and two sons, Frank Amsden of Athol and Warren Amsden of New York City. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the home, and Rev. J.A. Ticknor of the St. John's Episcopal church officiated. The burial was in Silver Lake Cemetery.

Children of George M. Amsden and Esther Lord as follows:-

- 1 Lillian Adelle<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 19, 1869; married Nov. 15, 1912 Webster A. Waite. This was Mr. Waite's second marriage. She died March 14, 1932 in Athol, her husband died sometime before her. No issue.
- 2 Warren Edgar<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 20, 1871; died in New York City.
- 3 Frank Jacob<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 26, 1874; married Oct. 21, 1903 in Conway, Mass. Margaret O. McClellan. She died April 30, 1934 in Athol.

214-Cora Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Warren<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 6, 1845; married May 25, 1866 George H. Worster, who died June 11, 1916. Herewith is a reprint of the obituary taken from the Athol Chronicle of June 15, 1916.

George H. Worster, aged 73 years, died Sunday at his home, 52 Summer St., of senile debility. He had been in feeble health for sometime. Mr. & Mrs. Worster celebrated their 50th. wedding anniversary the 25th. of last month. At that time however, the condition of Mr. Worster prevented a fitting celebration of the event. He was a native of Harvard, son of George and Mary Worster. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted from his native town in Co. G. 36th. Mass. Vol. He served two years, most of which time he was under Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside. He was engaged in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg and Vicksburg. He was a member of Parker Post G.A.R. For many years he worked in the shoe business. He married Miss Cora Amsden in Templeton, May 25, 1866, and the couple had spent their entire married life in Athol. He is survived by his wife. They had no children. Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at one o'clock. His wife Cora died in 1923.



215-Charles Ellsworth Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Warren<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in 1861; married Lillian ----. Below is a reprint of all that is known regarding this man. He died Aug. 8, 1923.

Athol Transcript, Aug. 14, 1923. Tuesday.

Charles Ellsworth Amsden, 62, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., died suddenly of heart disease Wednesday afternoon at his home 52 Summer St. Mr. Amsden was born in Athol, and was the son of Warren and Electa (Maynard) Amsden. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Lillian Amsden of Grand Rapids. Mr. Amsden was a member of the Masons and a Shriner. The funeral was at 2 P.M. Friday at the undertaking parlors of the J.F. Higgins Co. Burial was in the Highland cemetery, Rev. E.B. Young officiating.

216-Charles Festus Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Festus<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 29, 1849; married May 7, 1879 Jennie Goodrich Dunbar, born Sept. 23, 1860, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Goodrich) Dunbar. Mr. Amsden has for many years been a prominent citizen of Athol, and from 1880 until 1918 operated a clothing store which was later sold out and Mr. Amsden retired from active business.

Children:-

- 1 Sarah Maude<sup>9</sup>, born April 22, 1880; married Oct. 28, 1915, George Wilmarth Cromb.
- 2 Ralph Dunbar<sup>9</sup>, born March 23, 1890; married Oct. 23, 1918 Ella May Wehner.
- 3 Burton Robert<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 15, 1894; married June 8, 1920 Ella May Smith.

217-Ella May Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Festus<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born July 22, 1853; married Sept. 2, 1875 Frank W. Fish. Children as follows:-

- 1 Herbert Randall<sup>9</sup>, born Feb. 20, 1879; died June 4, 1880.
- 2 Harry Amsden<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 10, 1887; died Aug. 17, 1888.

218-Carrie Maria Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Festus<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 29, 1855; married Edward N. Hubbard in Vineland, N.J. They had only one child:-

- 1 Arthur Edward<sup>9</sup>, born March 13, 1882; died Aug. 1883, aged 17 months.



219-Fred Edward Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Festus<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born March 19, 1858; married Helen Davis, who was born in Charlestown, Mass?

Children:-

- 1 Ruth<sup>9</sup>, born July 16, 1885; m. in Worcester, Mass. Carl Francis.
- 2 Mildred<sup>9</sup>, born June 18, 1895; m. Sept. 29, 1917 Oliver F. Hawley.

221-Frances Bradburn Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Festus<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 22, 1860; married Jan. 1, 1886, Reuben H. Starkweather. They had the following children:-

- 1 Leon Amsden<sup>9</sup>, born Feb. 20, 1887; married Feb. 9, 1916 Rita Allen of Vineland, N.J.
- 2 George Dean<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 17, 1890; married July 13, 1912 Elsie Mansure of Camden, N.J.
- 3 Son<sup>9</sup>, born June 3, 1889; died June 4, 1889.
- 4 Seymour Blaine<sup>9</sup>, born Jan. 27, 1893; married Oct. 8, 1921 Winifred May Buren of Camden, N.J.
- 5 Gladys Carrie<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 9, 1895; married Feb. 2, 1916 Irving L. Randall of Camden, N.J.
- 6 Amy Janette<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 2, 1905.

222-Otho Francis Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Washington<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Athol, Mass., Nov. 23, 1852; married Oct. 27, 1875 Elizabeth Martha Moulton, daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Tyler) Moulton of Lymne, N.H. She died in Athol, May 30, 1886. They had one child:-

230A-1 Albert Washington<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 10, 1876; married Dec. 24, 1903, Mary Jane, daughter of William and Mary (Hopkins) Hamilton of Millers Falls.

Mr. Otho Amsden married (2nd.), April 7, 1887 Alice Marion Rogan of Athol. By her he had one child.

2 Marion Frances<sup>9</sup>, born Jan. 14, 1891; married Edward Crane. Divorced.

223-Fred Henry Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Washington<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Athol, Mass. June 8, 1857; married June 11, 1885 Madeline Bowen of Shelburne Falls. He was a dry goods merchant in that town for many years. He died Aug. 1, 1922, and his daughter Ruth carries on her father's business.

Children:-

- 1 Robert Bowen<sup>9</sup>, born May 13, 1886; married June 24, 1914 Gepha M. Hawkes.



2 Ruth<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1888; unmarried.

3 Howard Leslie<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 1, 1890; married Jan. 10, 1917 Hazel Sinclair.

224-Festus Gates Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Washington<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Athol, Mass. June 28, 1864; married in Syracuse, N.Y. Sept. 1, 1891, Elizabeth Sarah Bridgeford, daughter of Wilkins and Sarah Angeline (Gilbert) Bridgeford. He was a director of the Athol National Bank, town auditor and secretary. He was appointed June 1, 1900 assistant postmaster, and on Nov. 17, 1903 postmaster. He died Dec. 10, 1915.

Children:-

1 Festus Gilbert<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 23, 1904.

2 Theodore Maxwell<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 23, 1904. (Twin with above)

225-Henry Franklin Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Joel<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born -----; married Nellie Dodge or Abbie E. Dodge. One child:-

1 Franklin D.<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 24, 1874 in Boston at the U.S. Hotel; Married June 30, 1897 at Weston, Fannie W. Downing who was born Dec. 25, 1874, a daughter of George W. Downing.

226-Merrick Henry Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Ellis<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 16, 1846; married Feb. 28, 1877 Mary Jane Lloyd. He died Jan. 1909, and she on March 26, 1928.

Children:-

231-1 Arthur Lionel<sup>9</sup>, born at East Templeton, Mass. July 6, 1878; married Christine Madsen, who was born April 6, 1878 in Denmark.

2 Merrick Henry Jr.<sup>9</sup>, born May 30, 1880.

3 Wellington Julius<sup>9</sup>, born Feb. 28, 1882; unmarried.

227-Frank A. Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Ellis<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 27, 1850; married Nov. 30, 1871 Lucy W. Bartlett. They were members of the Universalist Church of Gardner, Mass., where he died April 5, 1892.

Children born in Gardner as follows, there may have been others.

1 Clifton Prentice<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 7, 1883; died in infancy.

2 Eugene Charles<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 26, 1886.

228-Albert Vaughan Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Ellis<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 29, 1855; married Feb. 10, 1882 Addie E. Smith. She died and he married (2nd.) Lida Gould.

Children as follows:-



- 1 Alice Francene<sup>9</sup>, born Jan. 6, 1883; died a child.
- 2 Anna Frances<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 5, 1884; married Everett Lehman.
- 3 Ann Janette<sup>9</sup>, born April 23, 1887; married Arthur Lamoureaux Divorced. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. at this writing.
- 4 Hattie Louise<sup>9</sup>, born Feb. 21, 1892; she was legally adopted by Whitfield and Christy (Johnson) Grimes and her name changed to Elizabeth Ella Grimes. Married James Demo, proprietor of the Elms Restaurant, Mass.

Children of Albert Vaughan Amsden by wife Lida Gould:-

- 5 Ruth Maranda<sup>9</sup>, born July 5, 1896; married June 15, 1918 Horace Coolidge of Petersham, Mass.
- 6 Maude<sup>9</sup>, born -----; married Frank Frary of Southampton, Mass.

229-Lillian Amsden<sup>8</sup>, (Alexander<sup>7</sup>, Robbard<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Dana, Mass. Oct. 12, 1865; married in Boston, April 16, 1893 Arthur Woods Birdsall, who was a tea and coffee salesman. They had only two children as follows:-

- 1 John Amsden<sup>9</sup>, born in Boston, March 13, 1895; married Hazel W. Montgomery of Melrose, Mass.
- 2 Harold Wood<sup>9</sup>, born July 18, 1897; married Ruth Brown of Wilmington, North Carolina.

230-Frank Fielding Amsden<sup>9</sup>, (Frank P.<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Uriah<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at Scranton, Pa. Nov. 8, 1862; married in 1895 Jessie Keller of Reading, Pa. The following is taken from a Scranton paper.

Frank Fielding Amsden, for the past six years superintendent of the Lochiel Furnaces, died at his home, 107 Reily street, late yesterday afternoon, Mr. Amsden had been seriously ill but one week. He was sixty years old.

During the World War, Mr. Amsden, considered one of America's foremost authorities on the operation of steel blast furnaces, introduced the manufacture of manganese at the Lochiel Furnace, the first furnace in the United States to manufacture manganese. Prior to the World War the manufacture of manganese was exclusive among the German steel crafters.

The successful manufacture of manganese brought fame to the local furnaces and steel authorities from all parts of the United States came here to study Mr. Amsden's methods.

Prior to the World War, Mr. Amsden, cooperating with Miss Elsie Singmaster, of Gettysburg, wrote a technical book on the operation of blast furnaces. For several years this book stood supreme in its class and only this year has it been revised to include new alloys that can be used in making steel.

Mr. Amsden had been in failing health but a few months, but became critically ill last Sunday. Mr. Amsden was a graduate of Lehigh University in 1887 receiving his Bachelor of Science degree. He took a post graduate course in mineralogy, graduating



in '89. He left college and became superintendent of a blast furnace in St. Louis. In 1895 he married Miss Jessie Keller of Reading. Two children, Miss Louise Amsden of Glassboro, N.J., and Frank Amsden, at home, survive, beside the widow. A sister Miss Edith B. Amsden resides in Philadelphia.

One year ago Mr. Amsden toured Europe, studying steel conditions and the operations of various types of furnaces, many of the ideas he gathered on this trip, he incorporated in his work at the Lochiel Furnaces.

After superintending the St. Louis furnace for several years Mr. Amsden came to this city, as superintendent of the Paxton Furnace and remained here eight years. He left here to manage steel plants at Everett, Chester, Roanoke, Va., Buffalo and Chicago.

He was the son of Capt. Frank P. Amsden and Harriet Fielding Amsden of Scranton. His father was a civil engineer and built the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and his grandfather planned the city of Scranton.

Brief funeral services will be held at his home and the body then taken to Scranton for burial.

Children:-

- 1 Louise<sup>10</sup>, born -----.
- 2 Frank<sup>10</sup>, born -----.

230A-Albert Washington Amsden<sup>9</sup>, (Otho<sup>8</sup>, Washington<sup>7</sup>, Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born in Athol, Mass. Nov. 10, 1876; married Dec. 24, 1903, Mary Jane Hamilton, who was born Dec. 26, 1878 a daughter of William and Mary (Hopkins) Hamilton of Millers Falls. Mr. William Hamilton was born in Scotland, and so also were his ancestors. His wife was born in Ireland.

For many years Mr. Amsden occupied a prominent position with the L.S. Starrett Co., being head of the drafting department. He possessed unusual talent in designing varied and intricate pieces of machinery and was the first draftsman to be employed by the L.S. Starrett Co. He was very popular in social circles and enjoyed the good will and esteem of the entire town. He died rather suddenly of heart trouble on May 26, 1927.

Child:-

- 1 Elizabeth Hamilton<sup>10</sup>, born May 11, 1908.

231-Arthur Lionel Amsden<sup>9</sup>, (Merrick<sup>8</sup>, Ellis<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born at East Templeton, Mass. July 6, 1878; married Christine Madsen, who was born April 6, 1878 in Denmark daughter of Mr. Anders Madsen. Mr. Amsden runs the Maples Restaurant in Oakdale, Mass. Their children are as follows:-

- 232-1 Andrew Lloyd<sup>10</sup>, born Feb. 22, 1902; married Nov. 25, 1926 Mrs. Anna Anderson. He died May 3, 1932 in Rochester, N.Y.



2 Lionel Douglas<sup>10</sup>, born Aug.16,1903; unmarried at this date.  
3 Ivy<sup>10</sup>, born June 11,1907; unmarried in 1934.

232-Andrew Lloyd Amsden<sup>10</sup>, (Arthur<sup>9</sup>, Merrick<sup>8</sup>, Ellis<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>) born Feb.22,1902; married Nov.25,1926 Mrs. Anna Anderson. He died May 3,1932 in Rochester, N.Y. Children as follows:-

- 1 Andrew Lloyd Jr.<sup>11</sup>, born Oct.3,1927.
- 2 Paul Douglas<sup>11</sup>, born Dec.27,1928.
- 3 Anna Loraine<sup>11</sup>, born Jan.30,1930.



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